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VERTICAL COMICS

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Characters

Ayuko Oka (17)

At 4'8", she's very small, but her figure is well-developed and quite gorgeous. Tsubaki spotted her kissing Ueno in the classroom after school, but she's not too bothered by it. Like Tsubaki, she is responsive to Urabe's drool.

Kouhei Ueno (17)

Tsubaki's best friend.
He's been going out with their classmate, Oka, since they were sophomores. Ueno's fond way of talking about Oka frequently influences Tsubaki's ideas about relationships.

Aika Hayakawa (17)

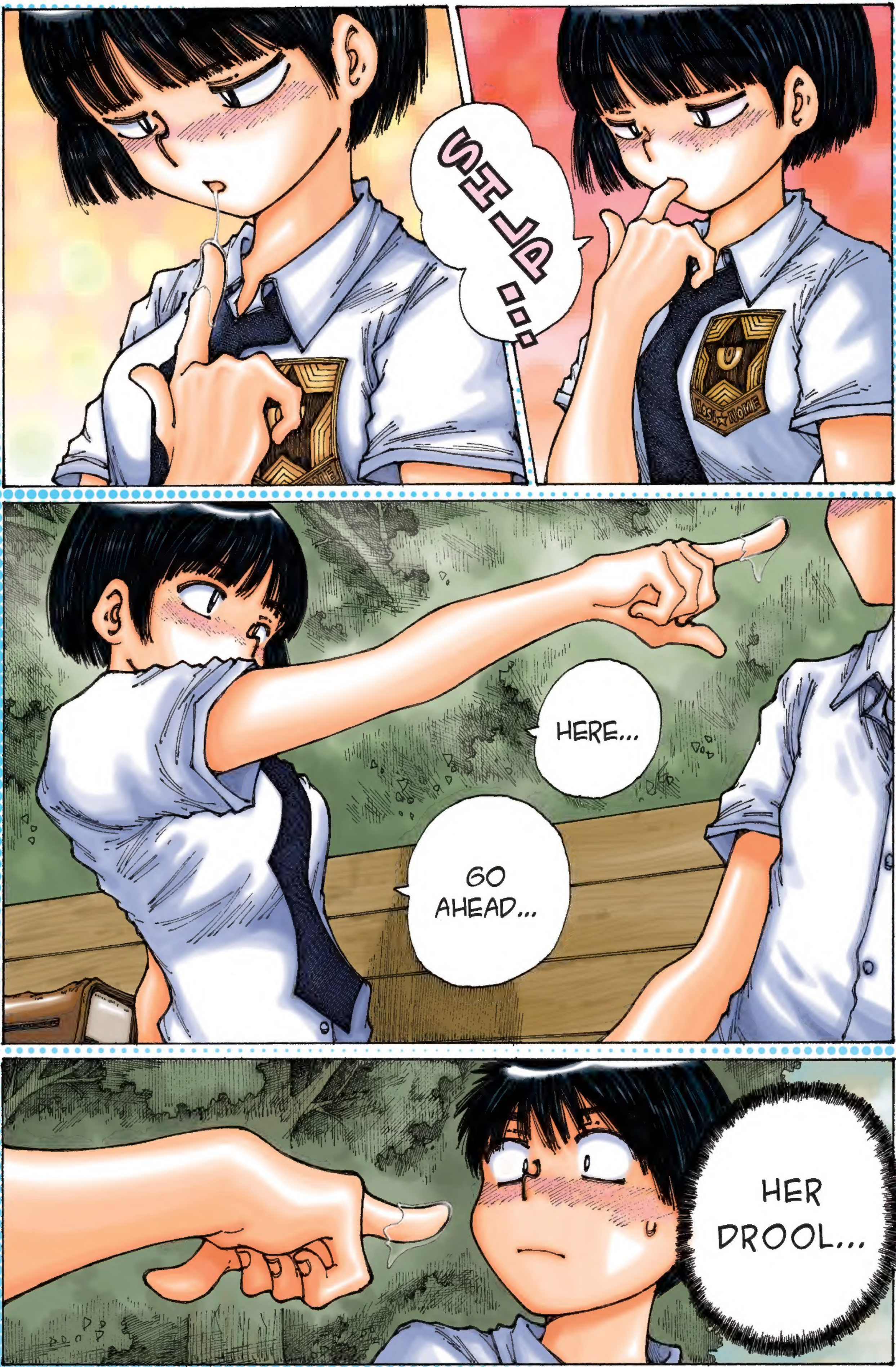
Tsubaki's former classmate, whom he had a crush on in middle school. She now attends the prestigious Hoshinome Girls' Academy. Though she is a typical young beauty, her sense of values is slightly off.

Akira Tsubaki (17)

The protagonist of the story. His bizarre relationship with Urabe began after he licked her drool one day. He is as interested in girls as any boy his age, but Urabe takes the lead in their relationship and Tsubaki can't seem to initiate any progress between them.

Mikoto Urabe (17)

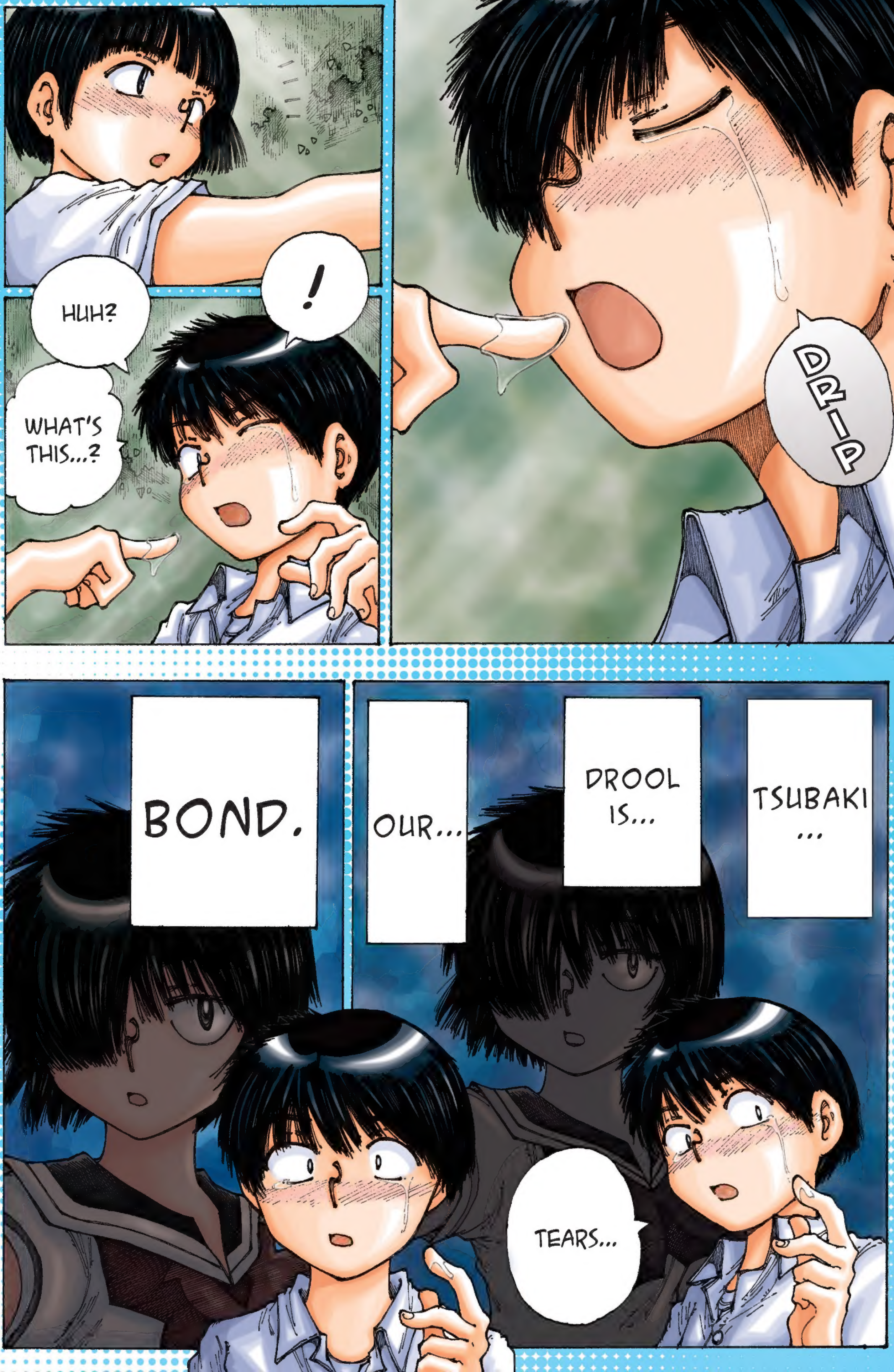
A transfer student who joined Tsubaki's class. She can convey her own feelings through her drool, as well as pick up on Tsubaki's feelings through his. She's antisocial and everything she says and does is mysterious, but her ideas about love are very pure. Her hobby is using scissors, which she can use to cut up anything.

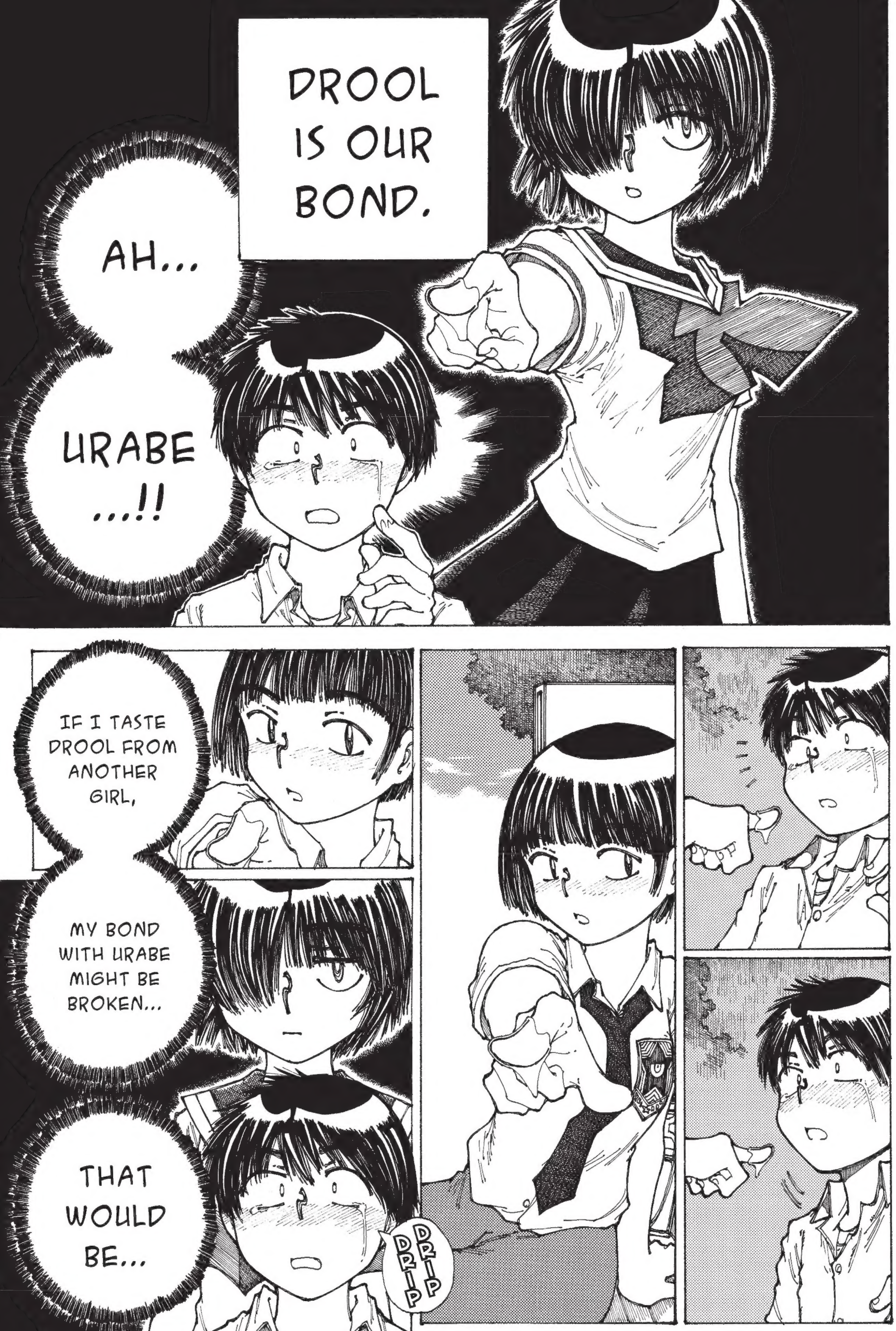

SHLP...
HERE...
GO AHEAD...
HER DROOL...

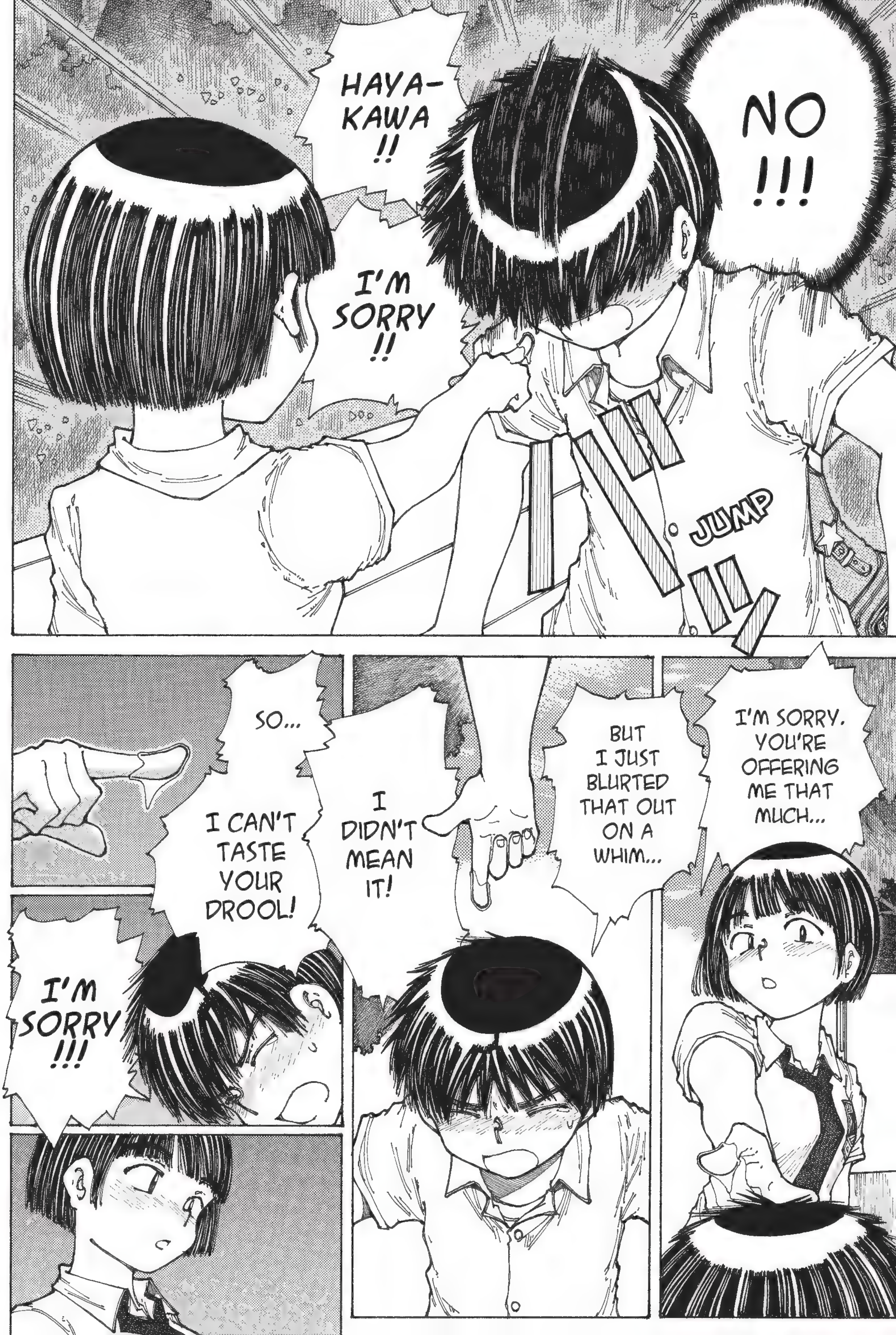
CHAPTER 29: MYSTERIOUS LETTER OF CHALLENGE

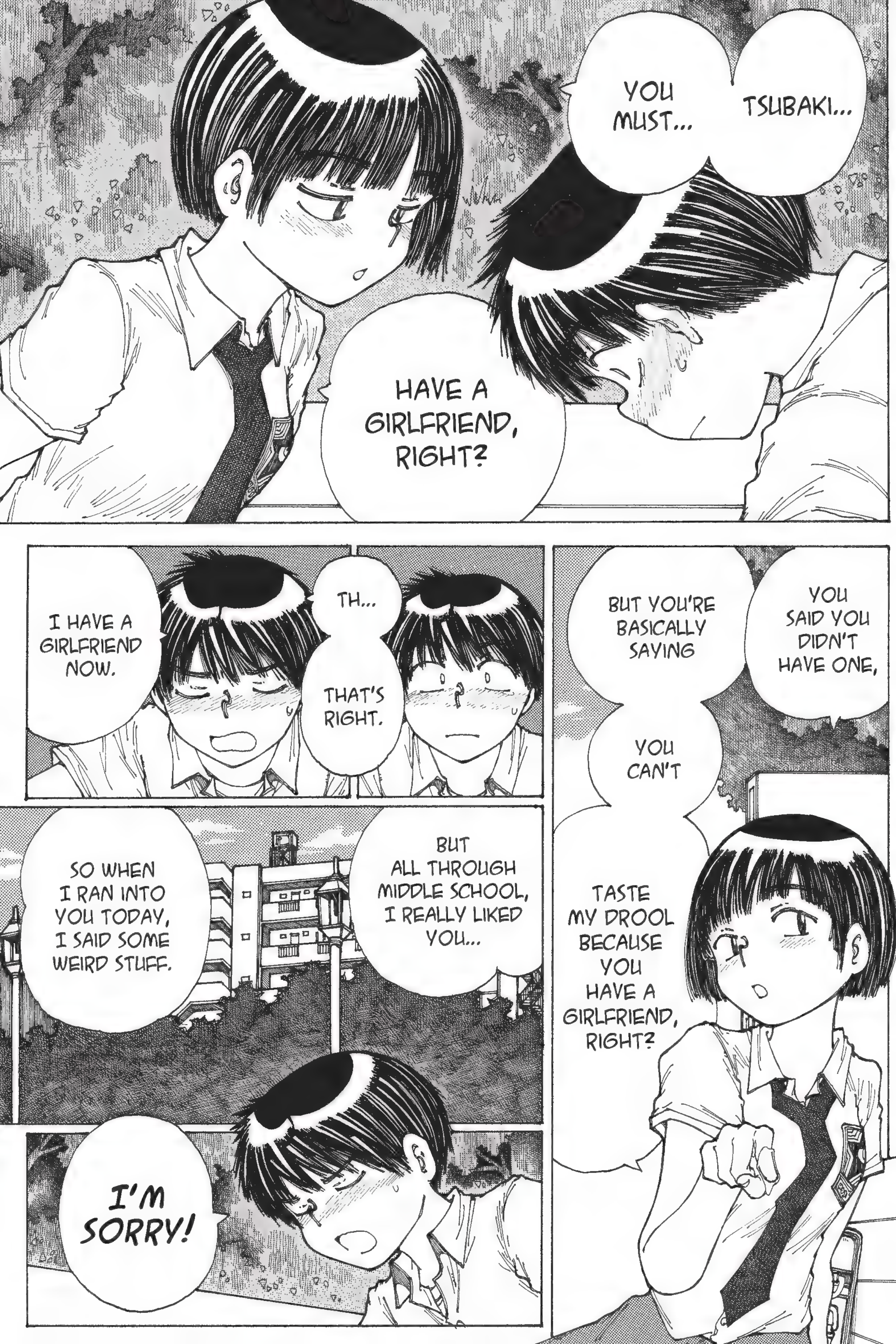
THE GIRL I HAD A CRUSH ON
FOR ALL THREE YEARS OF MIDDLE SCHOOL...
HER DROOL...

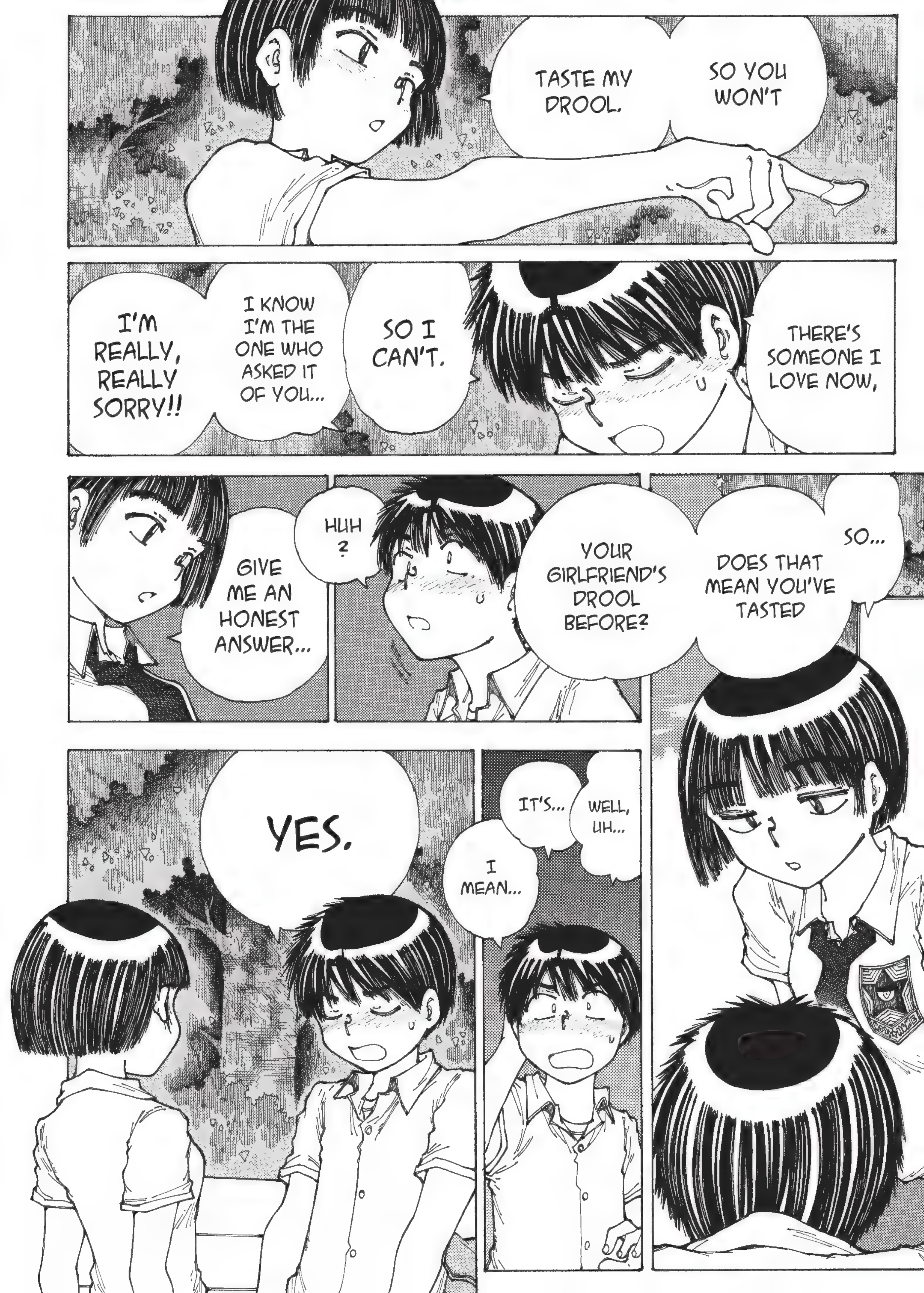
THE DROOL OF HAYAKAWA,
THE GIRL I ALWAYS ADMIRED ...
TSUBAKI ...
DROOL IS
OUR...
OUR...

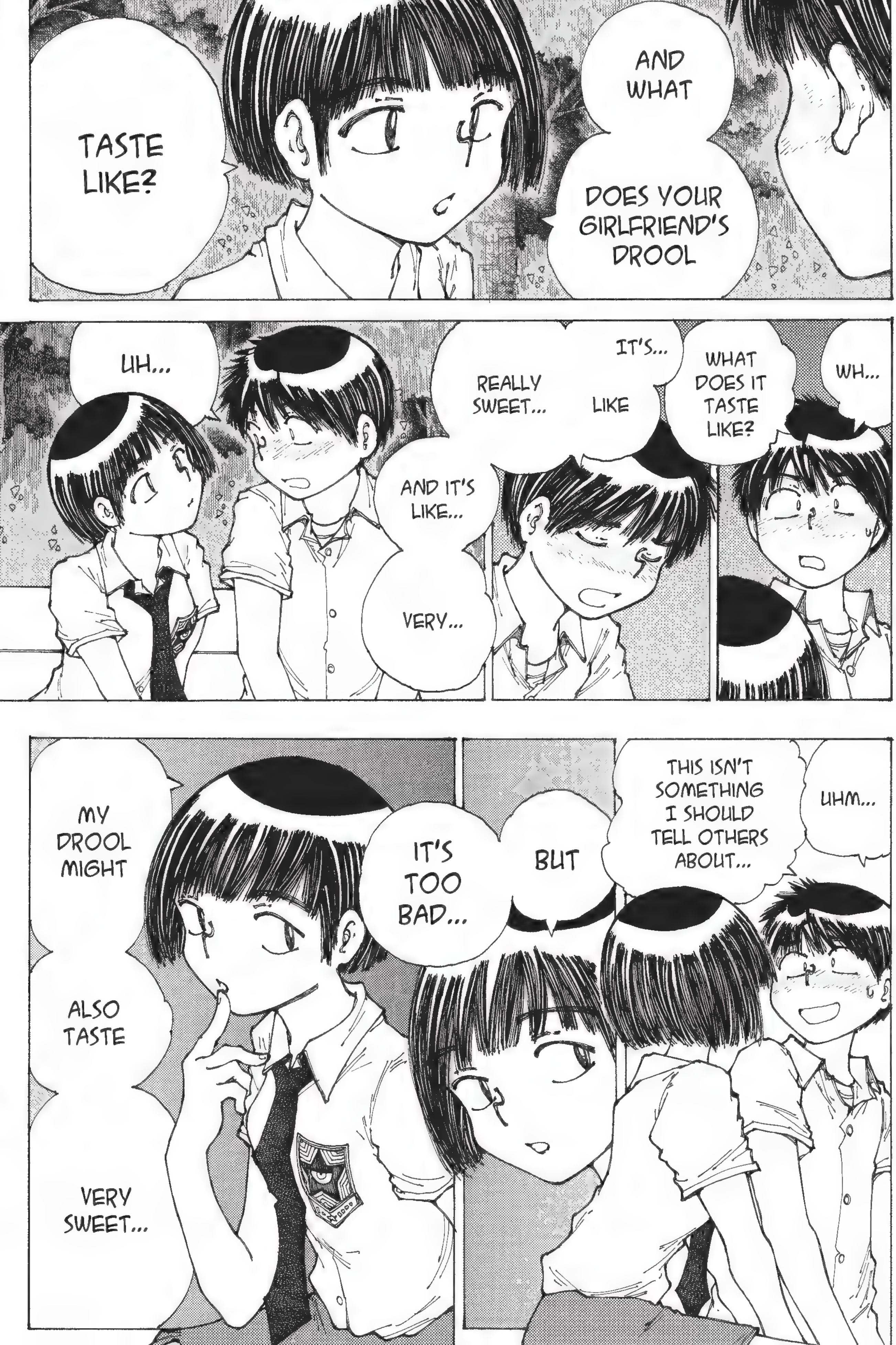

DRIP
!
HUH?
WHAT'S THIS...?
TSUBAKI...
DROOL IS...
OUR...
BOND.
TEARS...

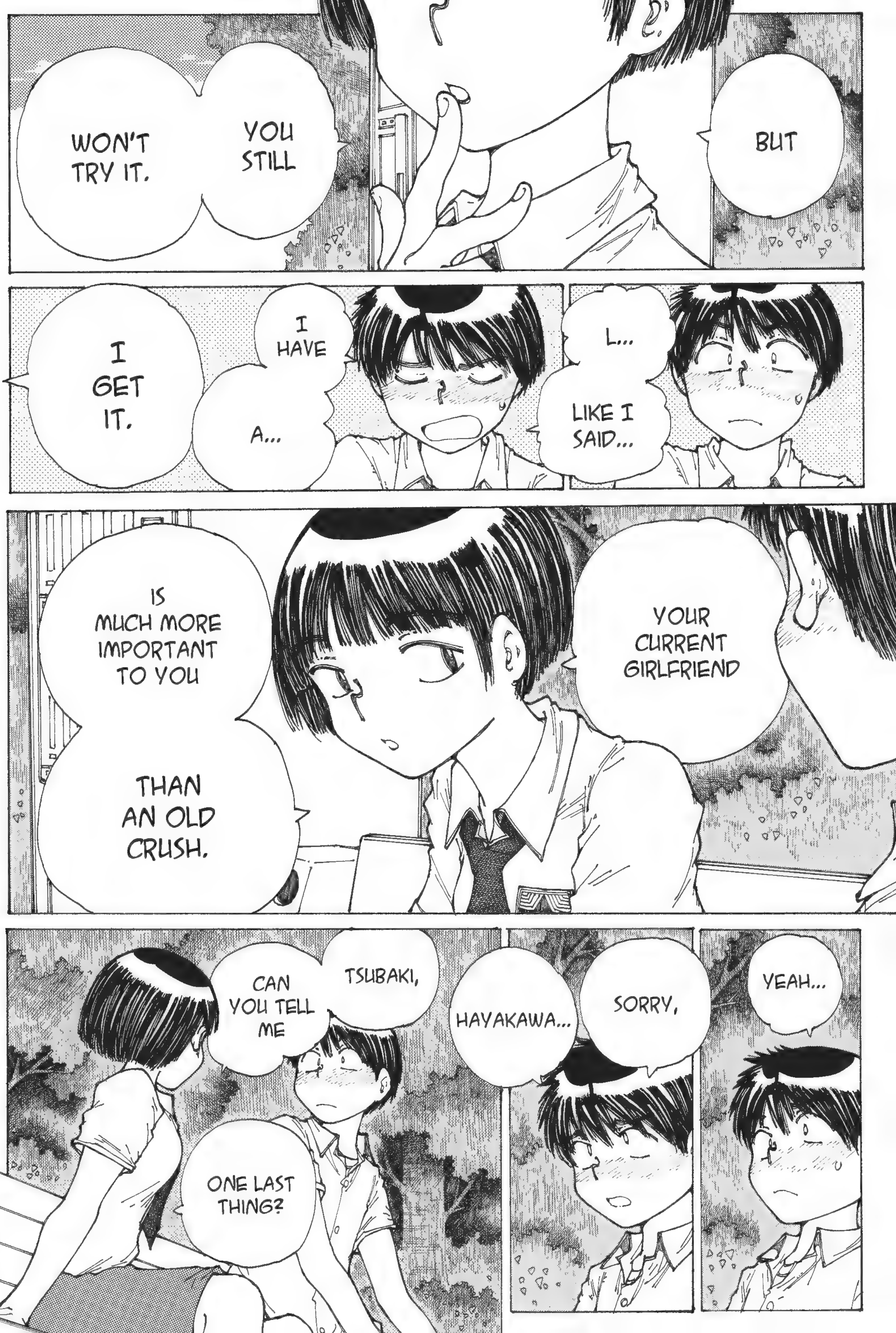

DROOL IS OUR BOND.
AH... URABE ...!!
IF I TASTE DROOL FROM ANOTHER GIRL,
MY BOND WITH URABE MIGHT BE BROKEN...
THAT WOULD BE...
DRIP DRIP

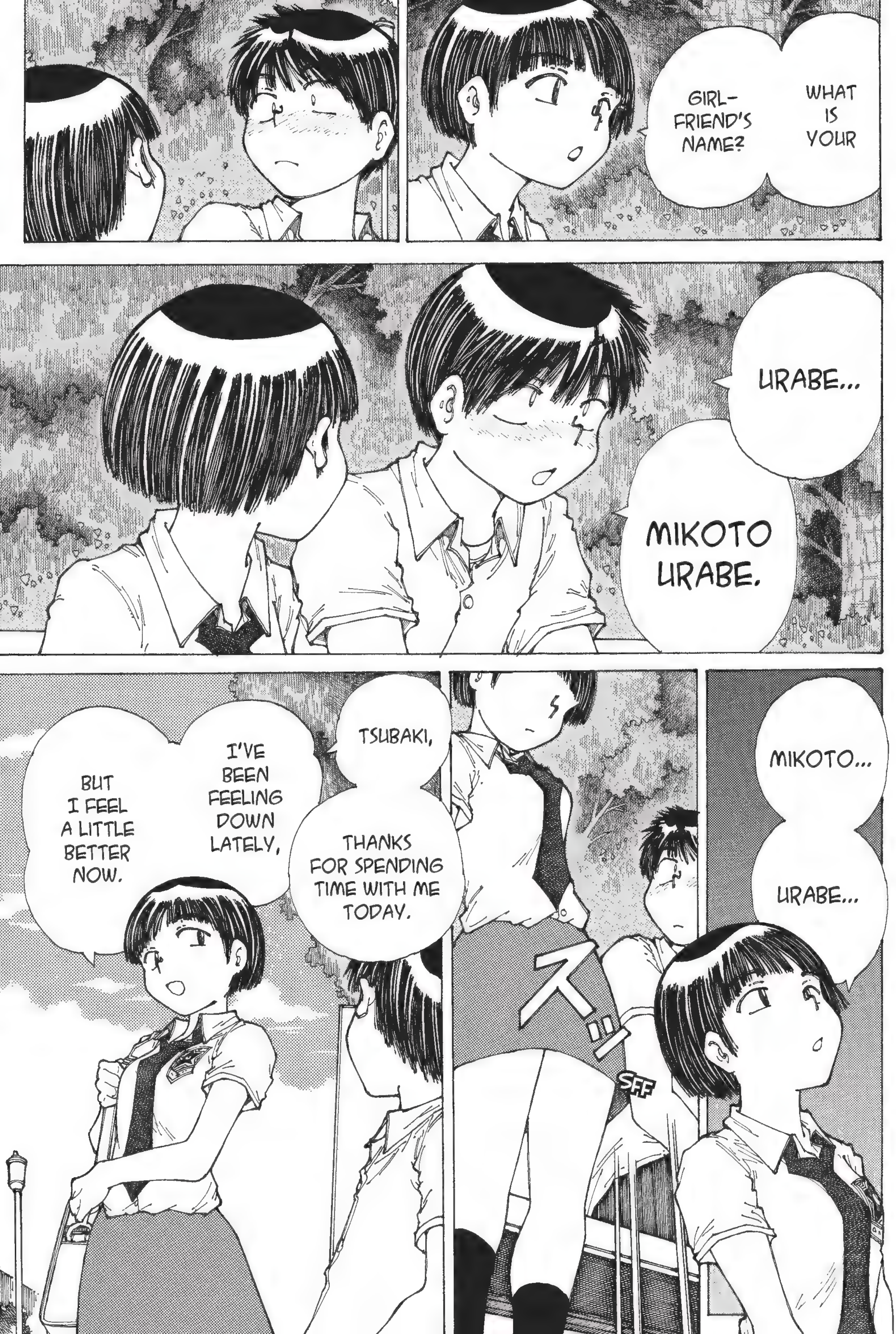

NO!!!
HAYA-KAWA!!
I'M SORRY!!
JUMP
I'M SORRY. YOU'RE OFFERING ME THAT MUCH...
BUT I JUST BLURTED THAT OUT ON A WHIM...
I DIDN'T MEAN IT!
SO...
I CAN'T TASTE YOUR DROOL!
I'M SORRY!!!

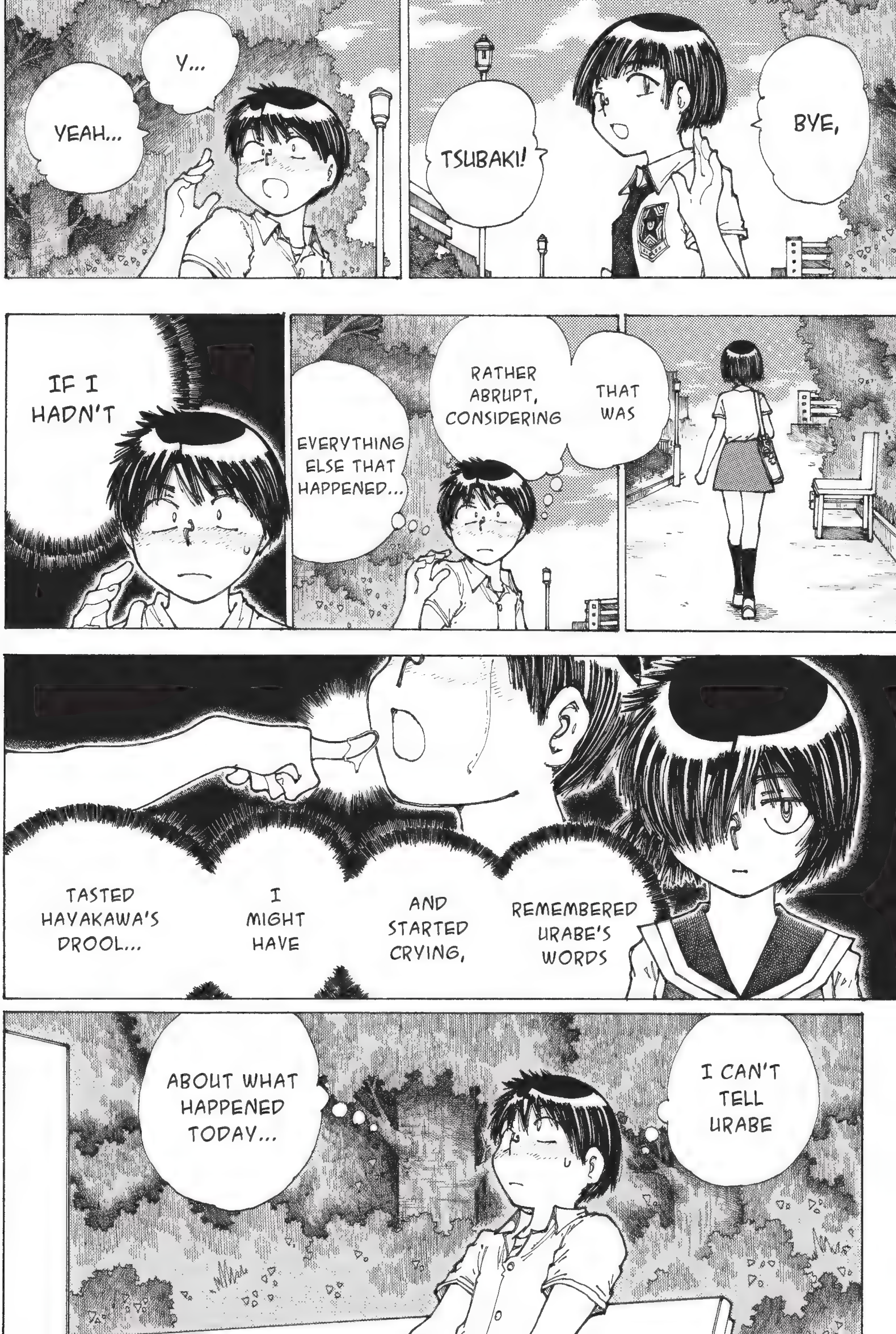

TSUBAKI...
YOU MUST...
HAVE A GIRLFRIEND, RIGHT?
YOU SAID YOU DIDN'T HAVE ONE,
BUT YOU'RE BASICALLY SAYING
YOU CAN'T
TASTE MY DROOL BECAUSE YOU HAVE A GIRLFRIEND, RIGHT?
TH...
THAT'S RIGHT.
I HAVE A GIRLFRIEND NOW.
BUT ALL THROUGH MIDDLE SCHOOL, I REALLY LIKED YOU...
SO WHEN I RAN INTO YOU TODAY, I SAID SOME WEIRD STUFF.
I'M SORRY!


SO YOU WON'T
TASTE MY DROOL.
THERE'S SOMEONE I LOVE NOW,
SO I CAN'T.
I KNOW I'M THE ONE WHO ASKED IT OF YOU...
I'M REALLY, REALLY SORRY!!
SO...
DOES THAT MEAN YOU'VE TASTED
YOUR GIRLFRIEND'S DROOL BEFORE?
HUH?
GIVE ME AN HONEST ANSWER...
WELL, UH...
IT'S...
I MEAN...
YES.

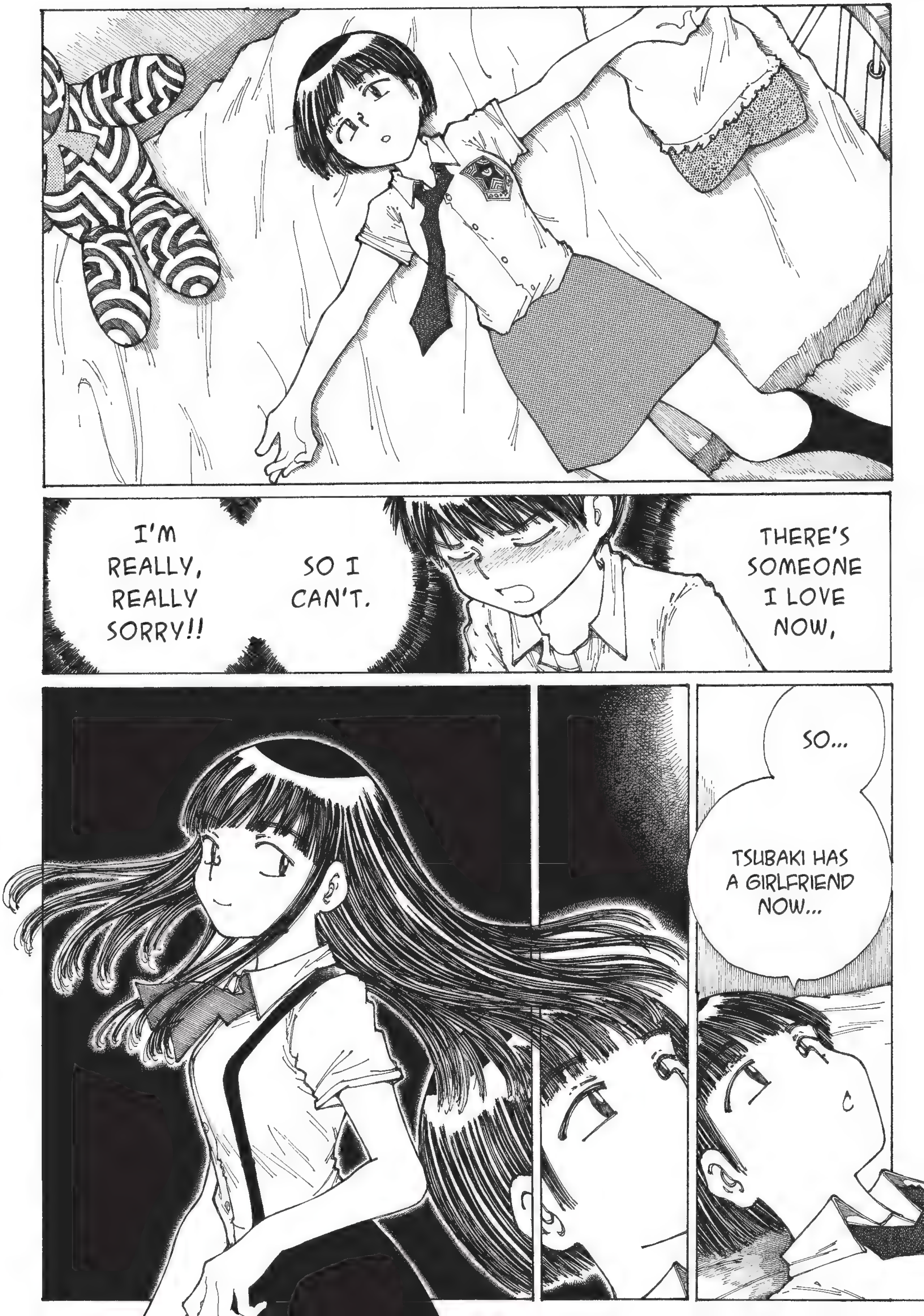

AND WHAT DOES YOUR GIRLFRIEND'S DROOL
TASTE LIKE?
WH...
WHAT DOES IT TASTE LIKE?
IT'S... LIKE REALLY SWEET...
AND IT'S LIKE... VERY...
UH...
UHM...
THIS ISN'T SOMETHING I SHOULD TELL OTHERS ABOUT...
BUT IT'S TOO BAD...
MY DROOL MIGHT ALSO TASTE VERY SWEET...


BUT
YOU STILL
WON'T TRY IT.
L...
LIKE I SAID...
I HAVE
A...
I GET IT.
YOUR CURRENT GIRLFRIEND
IS MUCH MORE IMPORTANT TO YOU
THAN AN OLD CRUSH.
YEAH...
SORRY,
HAYAKAWA...
TSUBAKI,
CAN YOU TELL ME
ONE LAST THING?


WHAT IS YOUR GIRL-FRIEND'S NAME?
URABE...
MIKOTO URABE.
MIKOTO...
URABE...
スッ
SFF
TSUBAKI,
THANKS FOR SPENDING TIME WITH ME TODAY.
I'VE BEEN FEELING DOWN LATELY,
BUT I FEEL A LITTLE BETTER NOW.


BYE,
TSUBAKI!
Y...
YEAH...
THAT WAS
RATHER ABRUPT, CONSIDERING
EVERYTHING ELSE THAT HAPPENED...
IF I HADN'T
REMEMBERED URABE'S WORDS
AND STARTED CRYING,
I MIGHT HAVE
TASTED HAYAKAWA'S DROOL...
I CAN'T TELL URABE
ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED TODAY...

HAYA KAWA
ト ー
STEP
ト ー
STEP
ガチャッ
KACHAK
CLOSE
ANNALS OF THE 3 KINGDOMS
ばふっ
WHUMP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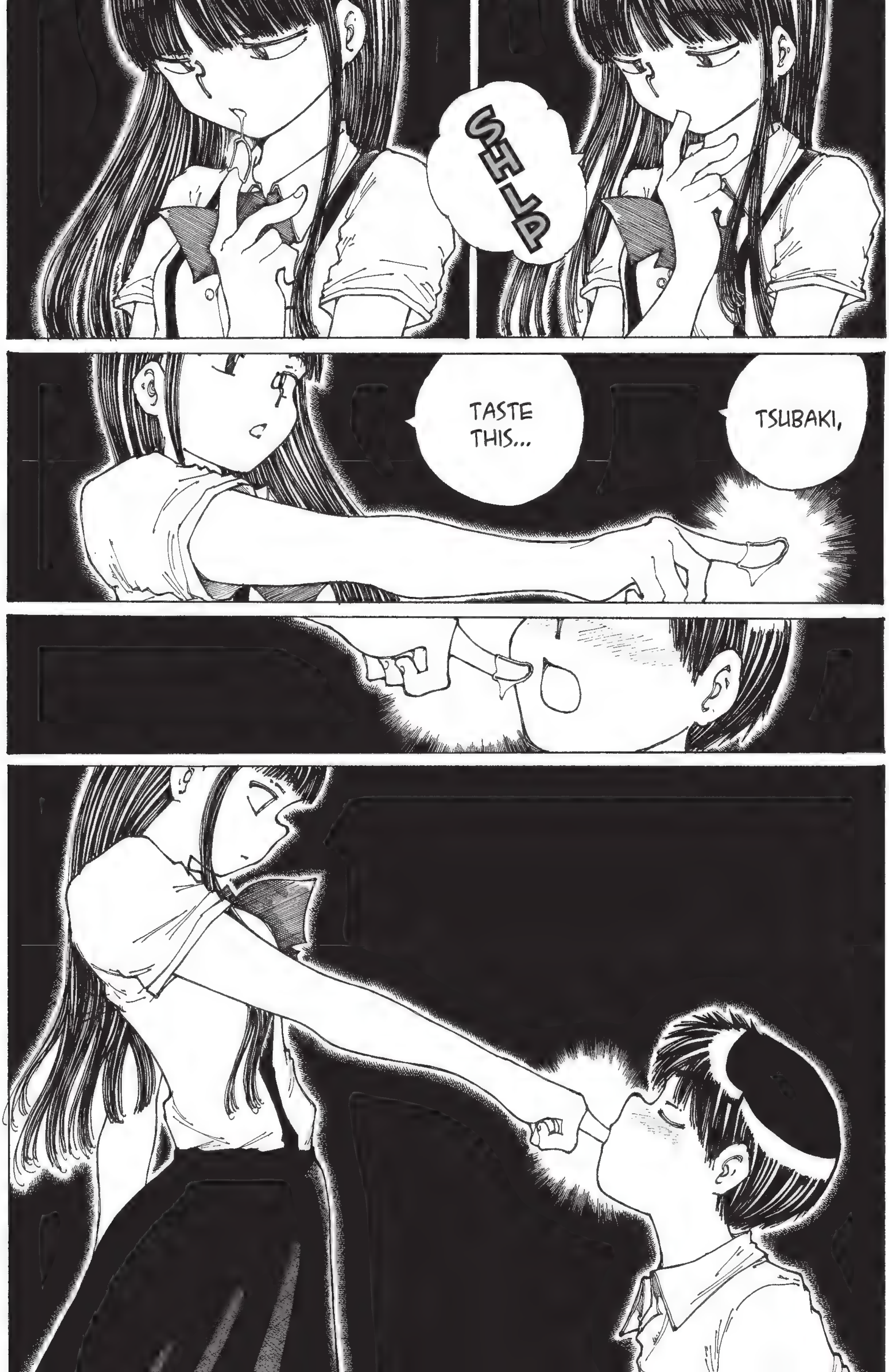
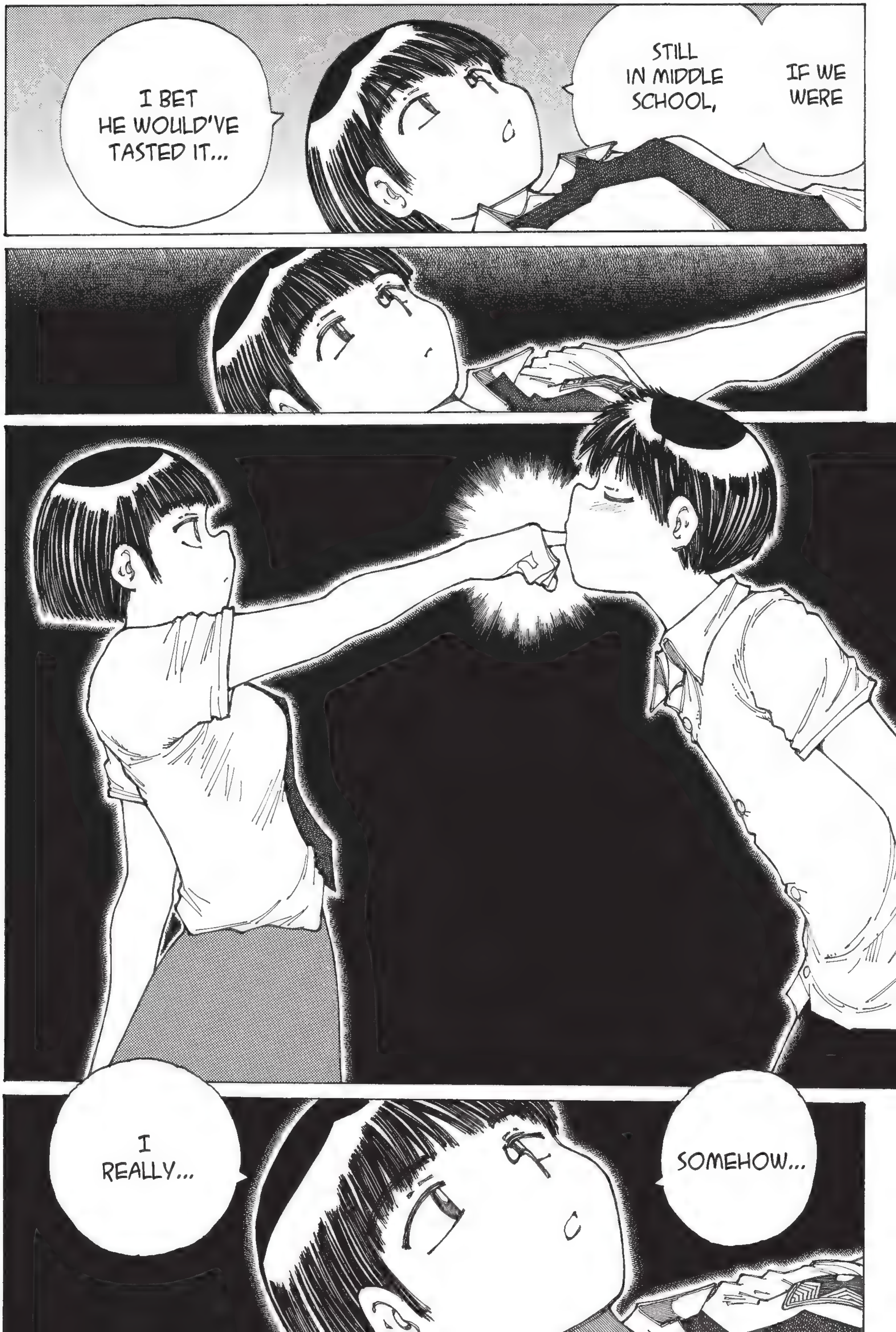
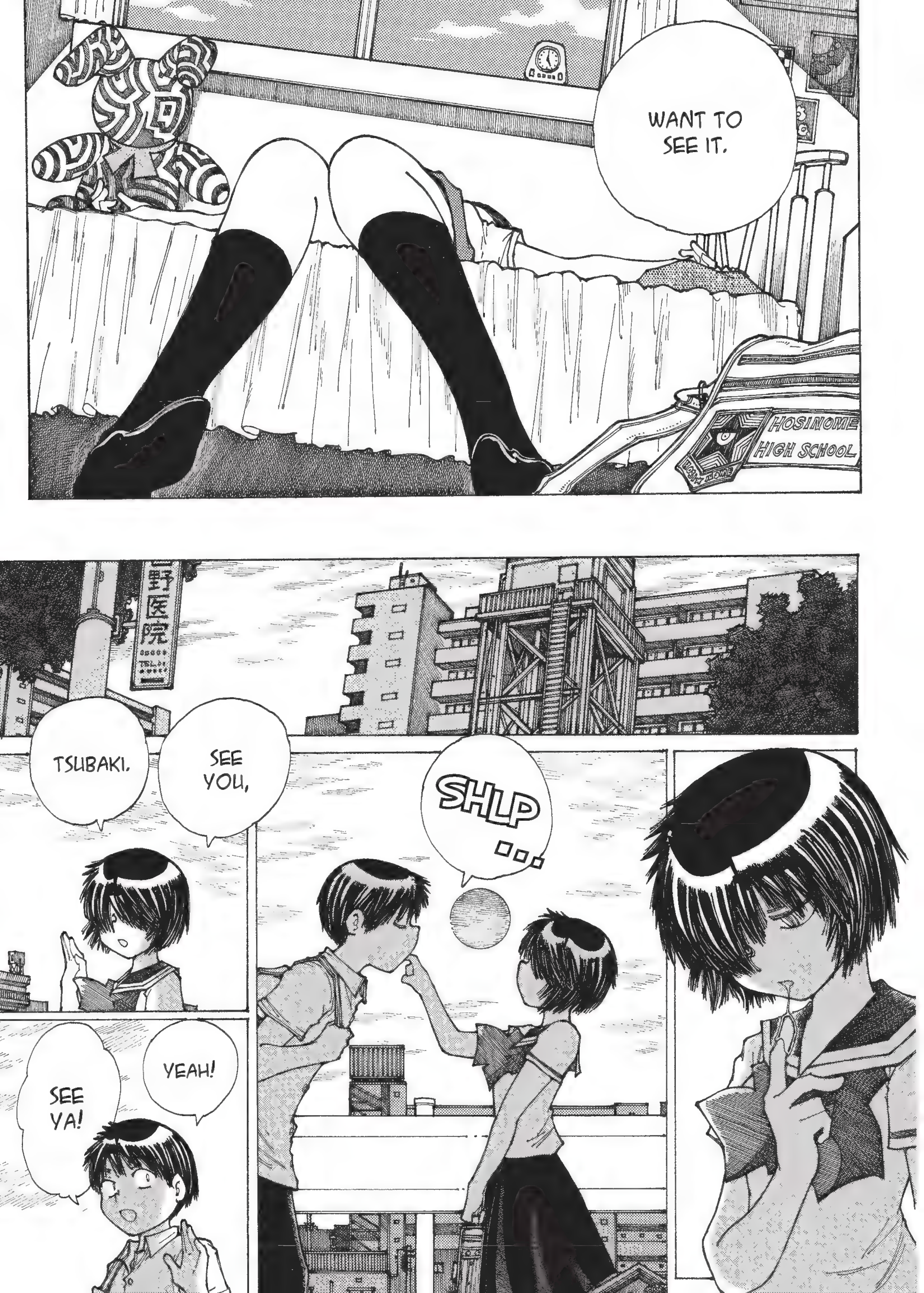
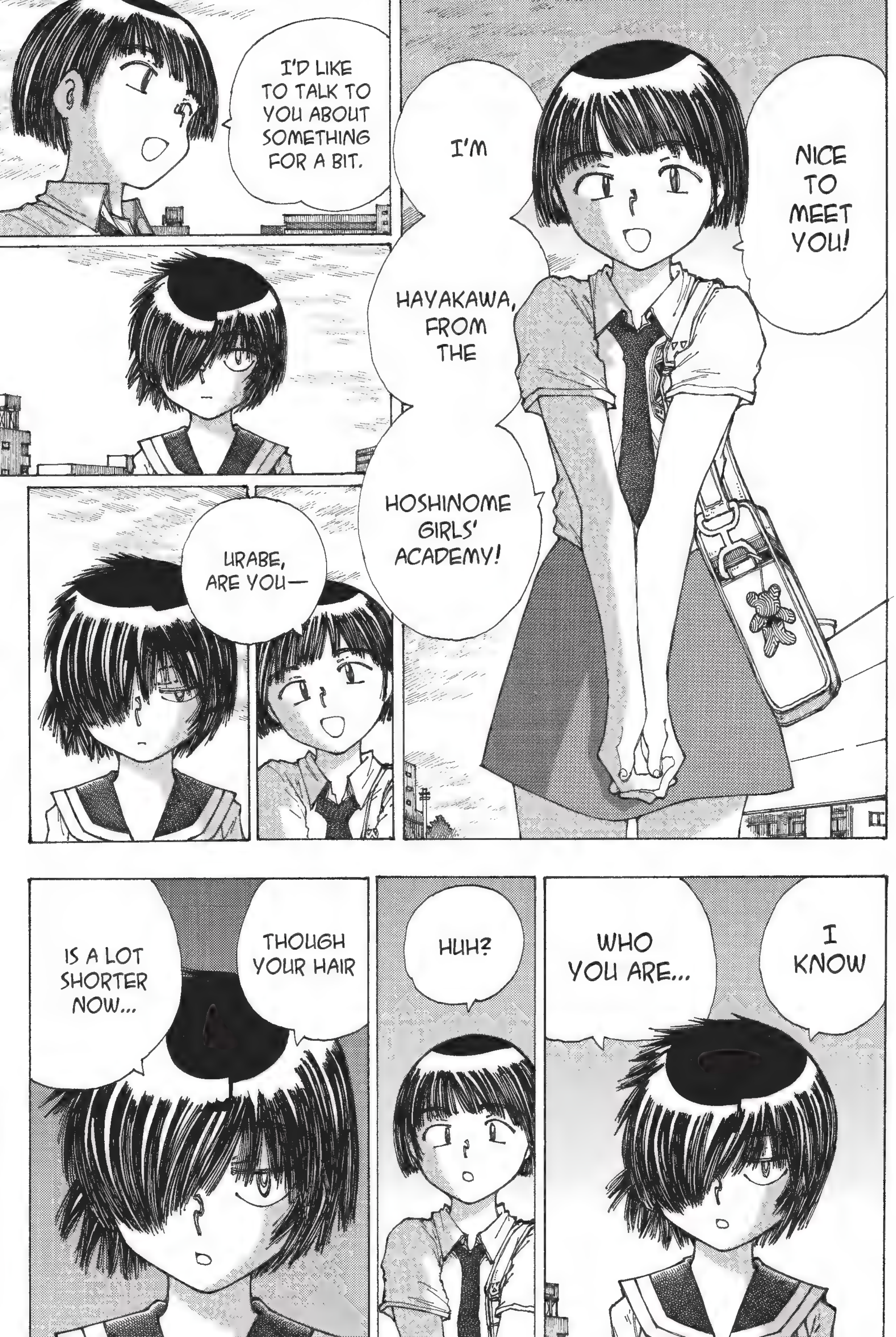
SO I CAN'T.
I'M REALLY, REALLY SORRY!!
SO...
TSUBAKI HAS A GIRLFRIEND NOW...

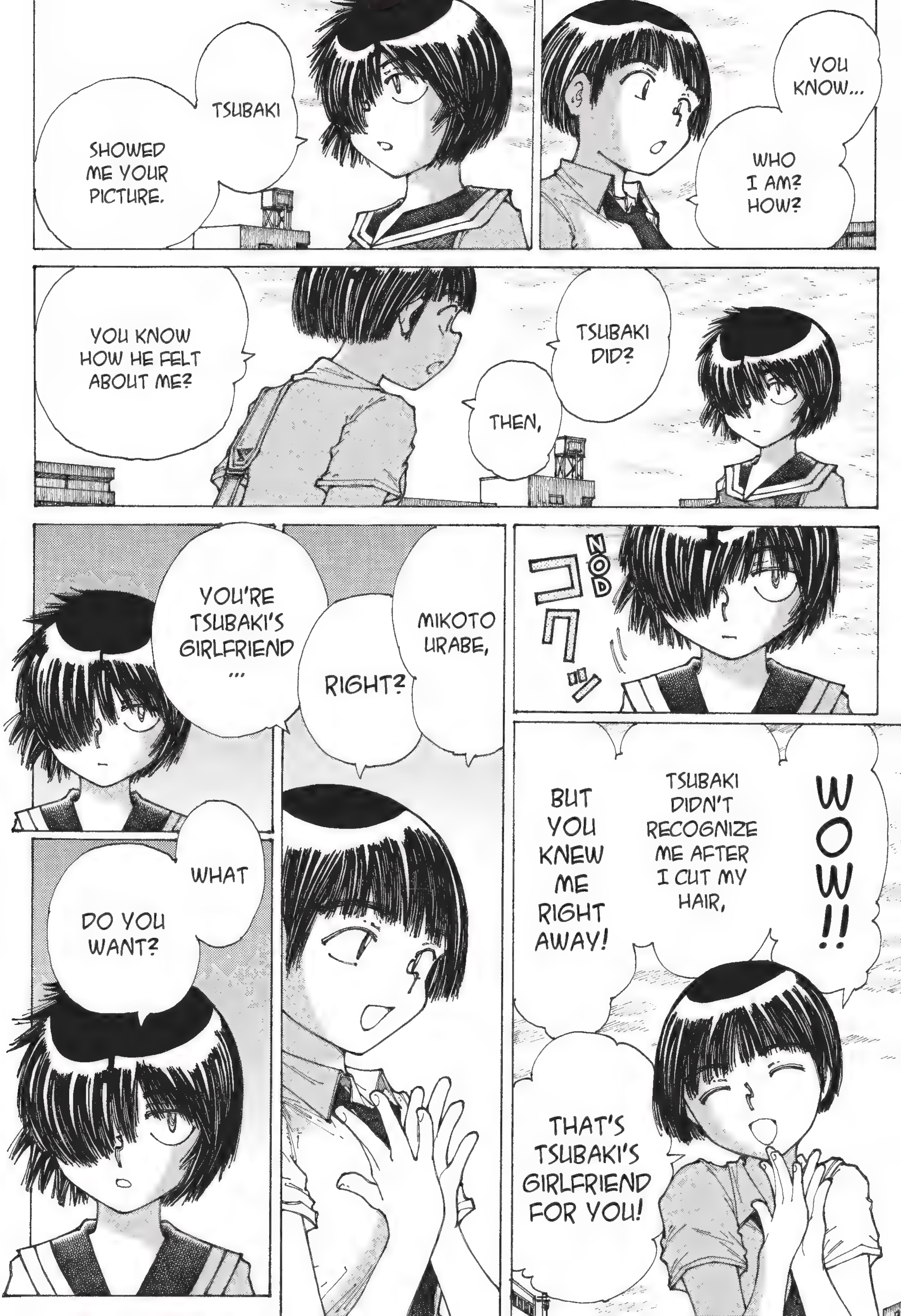

SHLP
TSUBAKI,
TASTE THIS...

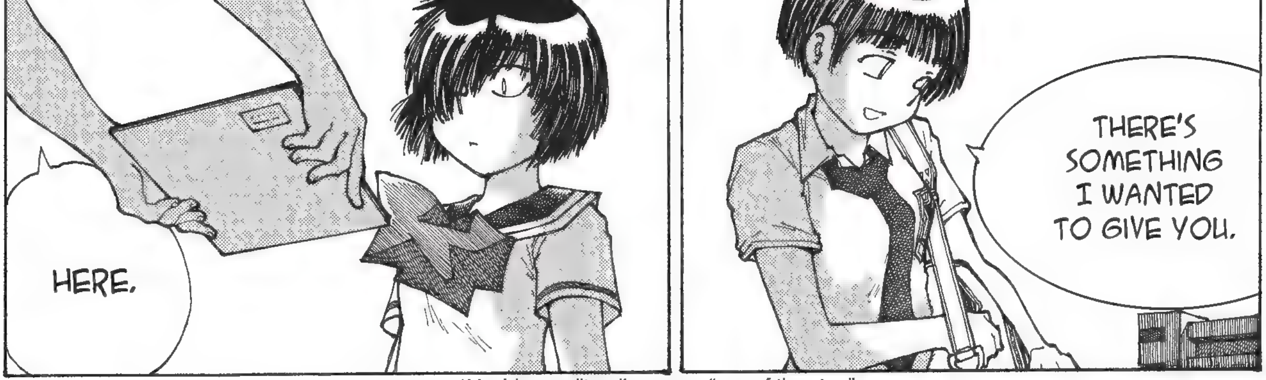

IF WE WERE
STILL IN MIDDLE SCHOOL,
I BET HE WOULD'VE TASTED IT...
SOMEHOW...
I REALLY...


WANT TO SEE IT.
HOSINOME HIGH SCHOOL
野医院
SHLP...
SEE YOU,
TSUBAKI.
YEAH!
SEE YA!

SFF
スッ
URABE!


NICE TO MEET YOU!
I'M HAYAKAWA, FROM THE HOSHINOME GIRLS' ACADEMY!
I'D LIKE TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT SOMETHING FOR A BIT.
URABE, ARE YOU—
I KNOW WHO YOU ARE...
HUH?
THOUGH YOUR HAIR IS A LOT SHORTER NOW...


YOU KNOW...
WHO I AM? HOW?
TSUBAKI
SHOWED ME YOUR PICTURE.
TSUBAKI DID?
THEN,
YOU KNOW HOW HE FELT ABOUT ME?
MIKOTO URABE,
RIGHT?
YOU'RE TSUBAKI'S GIRLFRIEND ...
コクッ
NOD
WHAT
DO YOU WANT?
WOW!!
TSUBAKI DIDN'T RECOGNIZE ME AFTER I CUT MY HAIR,
BUT YOU KNEW ME RIGHT AWAY!
THAT'S TSUBAKI'S GIRLFRIEND FOR YOU!


THERE'S SOMETHING I WANTED TO GIVE YOU.
HERE.

*Hoshinome literally means "eye of the star."

THE 70TH
HOSHINOME FESTIVAL
HOSHI NO ME SAI
70
HOSHINOME GIRLS' ACADEMY
CULTURE FESTIVAL
CULTURE FESTIVAL ...?
YES.
IT'S NEXT SUNDAY!
I'D LOVE IT IF YOU COULD COME!
BECAUSE...

TSUBAKI WILL ALSO BE COMING.
I THINK YOU'LL SEE SOMETHING THAT'S VERY INTERESTING.
NEXT SUNDAY! LOOK FORWARD TO IT!

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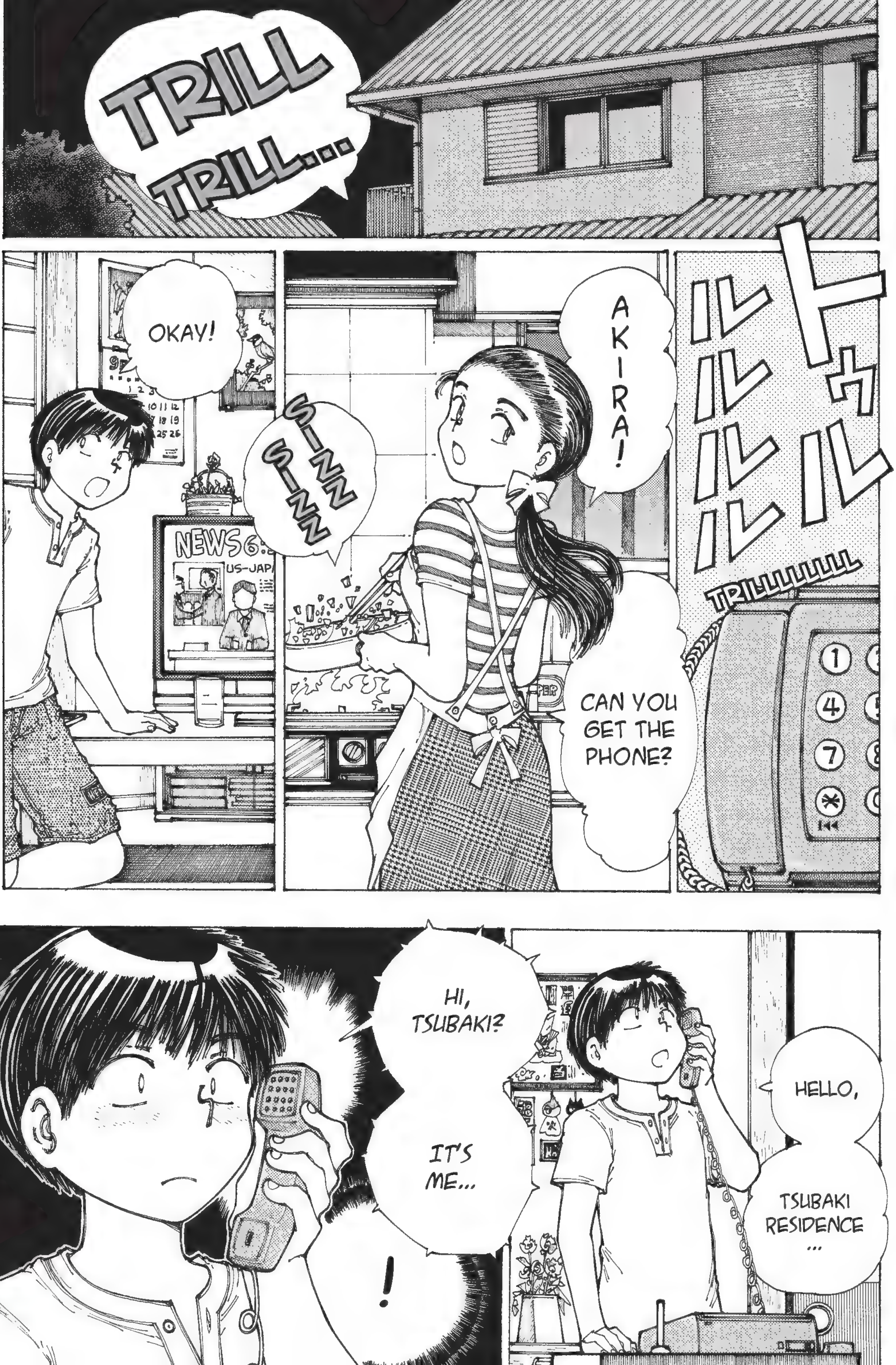
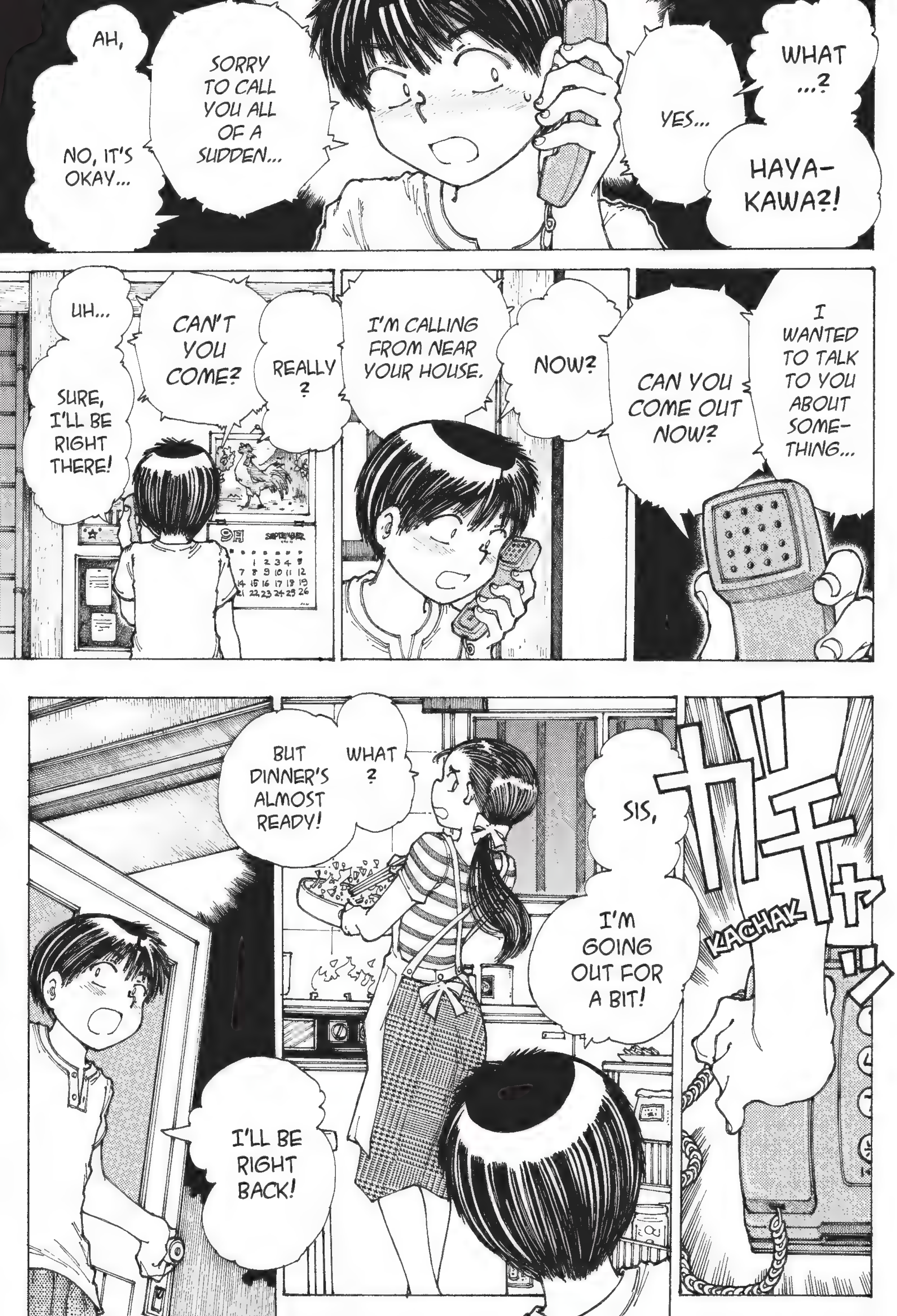
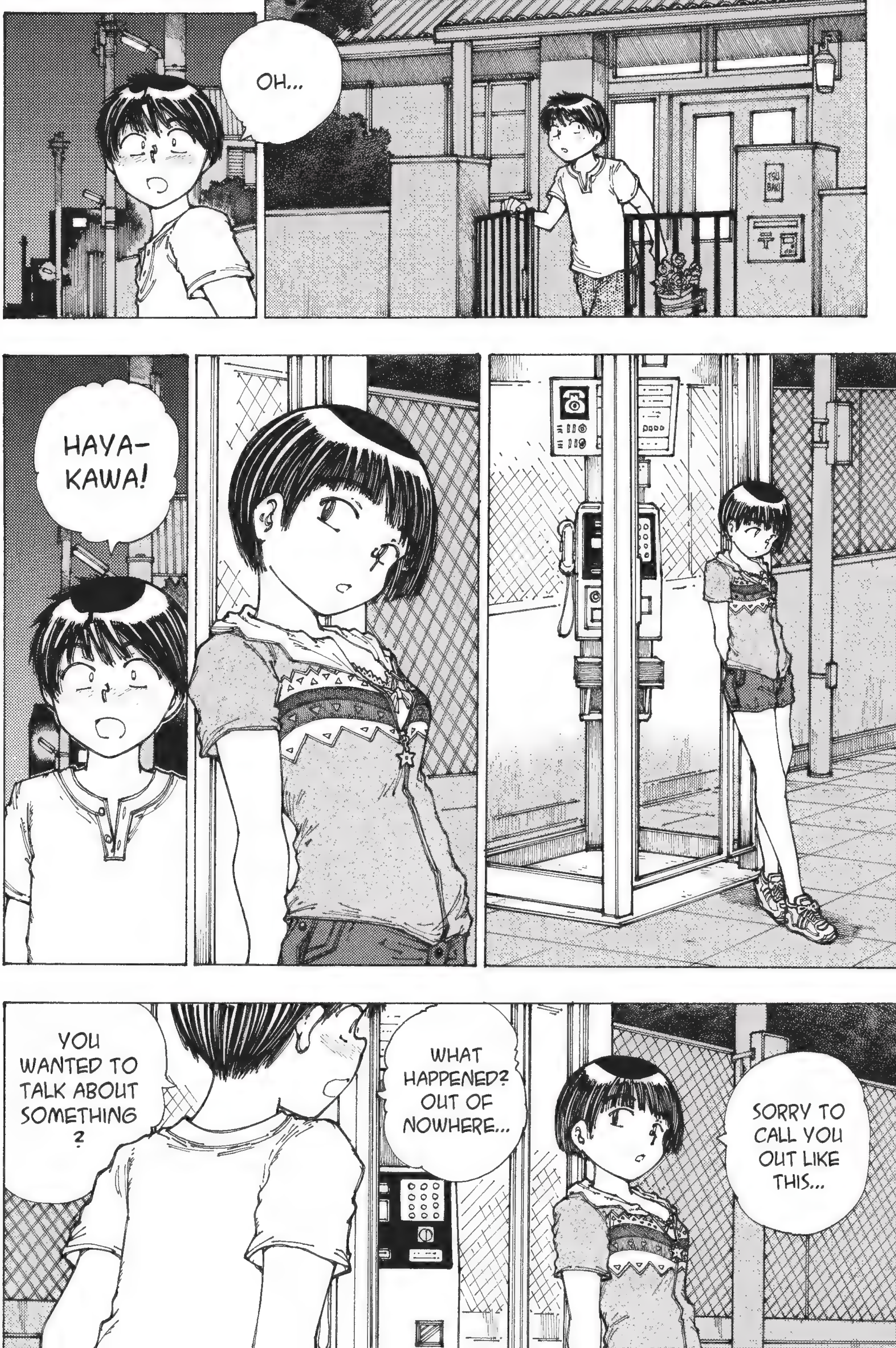
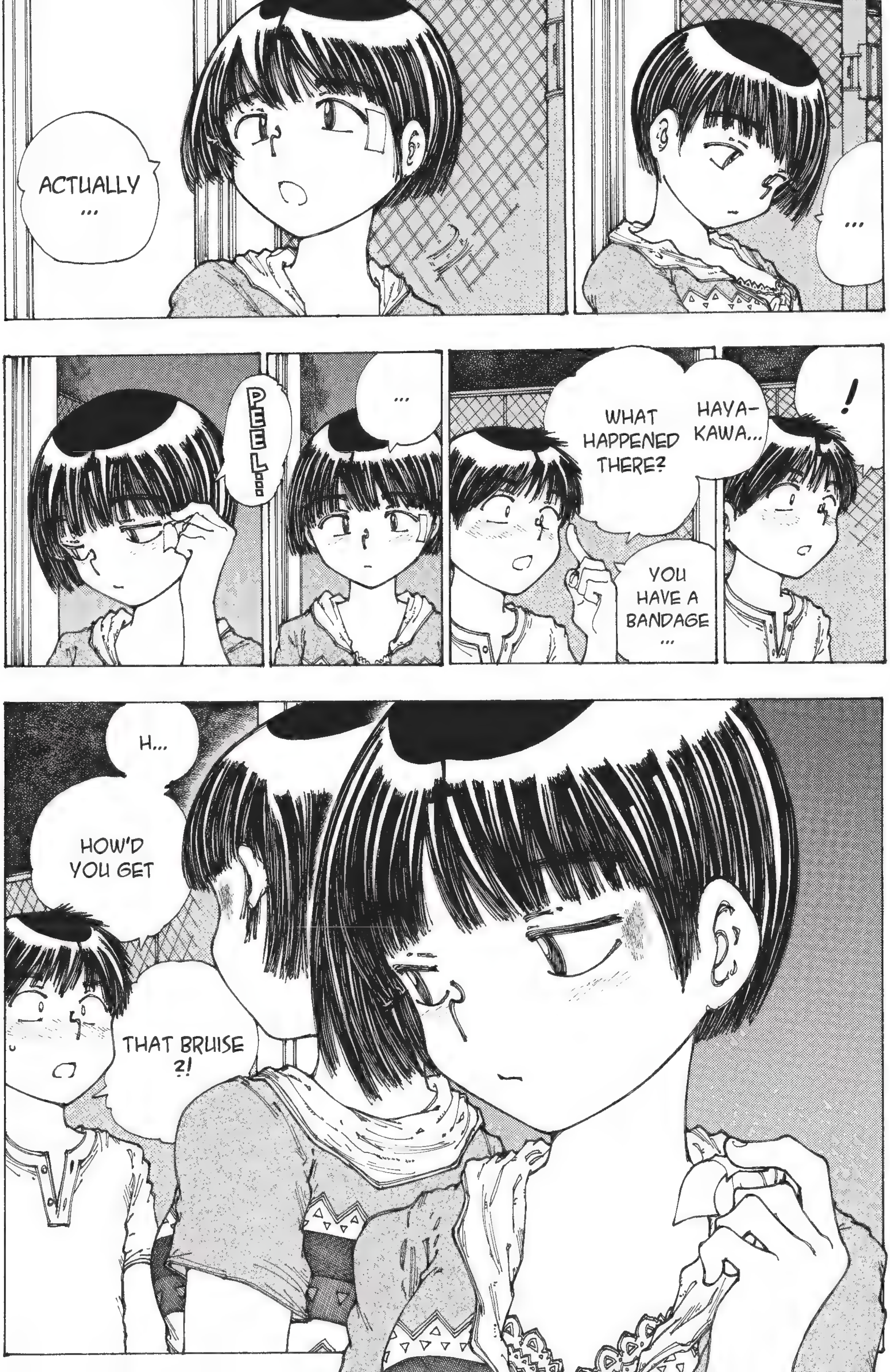
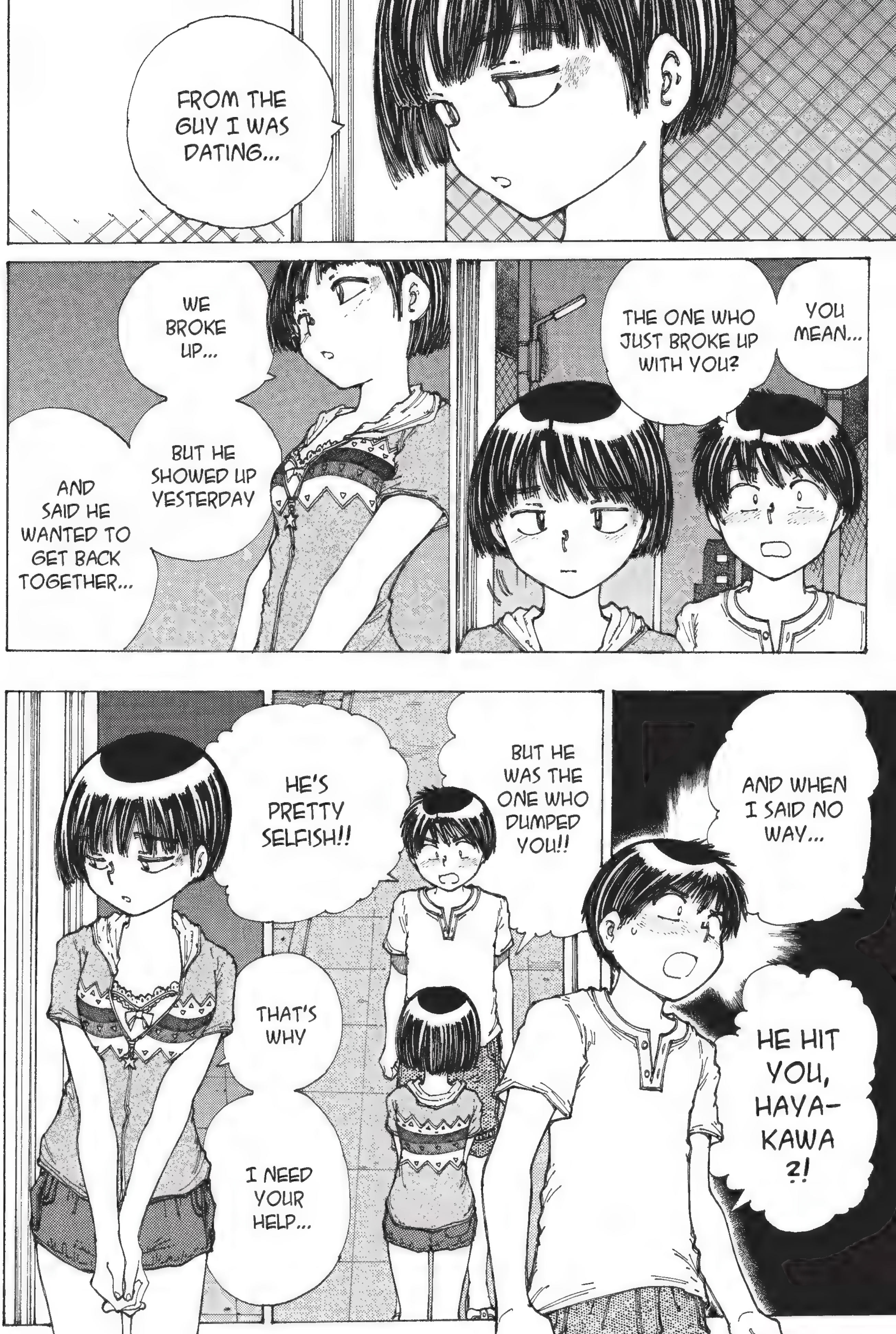
CHAPTER 30: MYSTERIOUS CULTURE FESTIVAL— THE NIGHT BEFORE

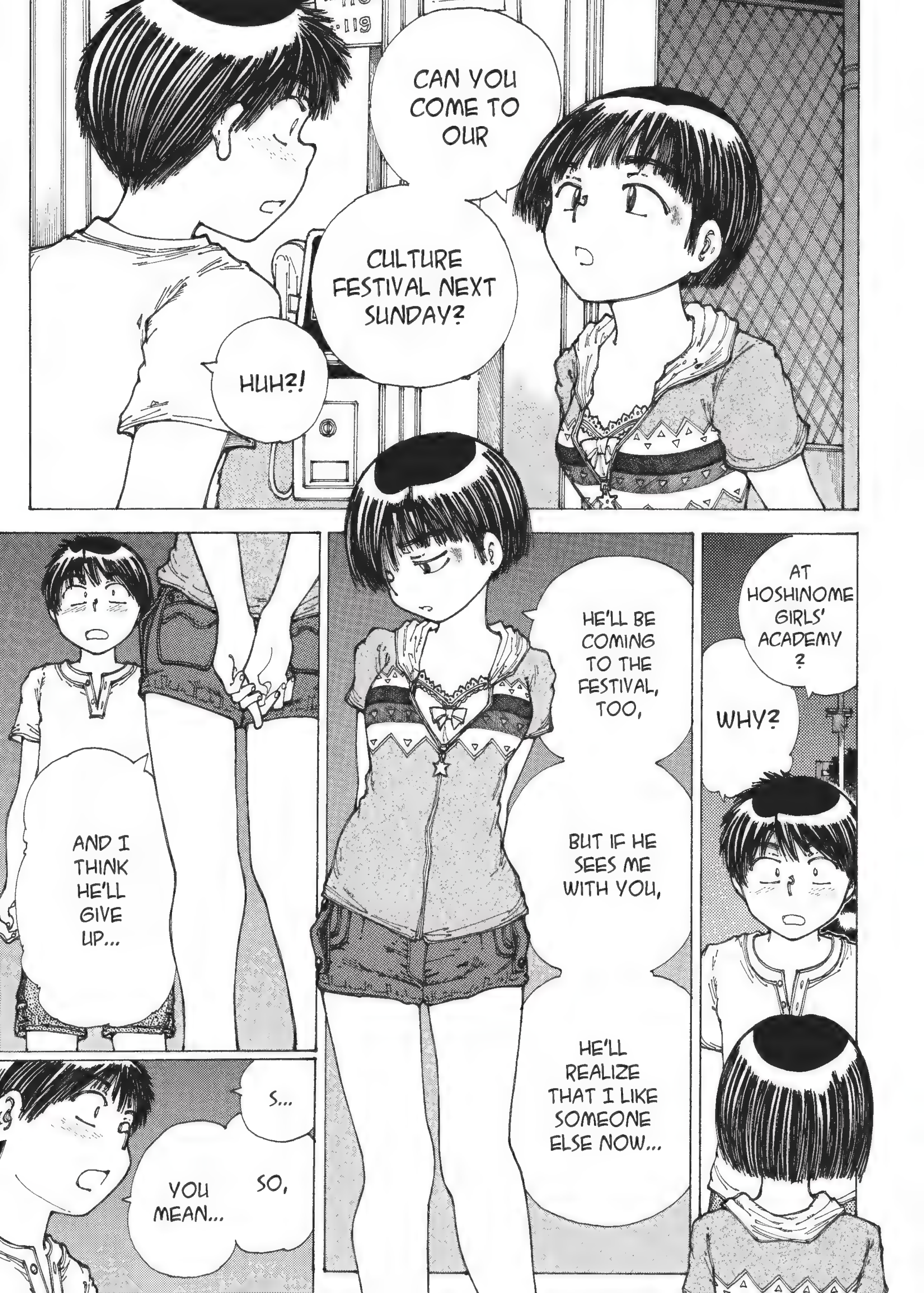

TRILL TRILL...
トゥルルルルル
TRILLLLLLLLL
AKIRA!
CAN YOU GET THE PHONE?
SIZZ SIZZ
OKAY!
NEWS 6:
US-JAP
HELLO,
TSUBAKI RESIDENCE ...
HI, TSUBAKI?
IT'S ME...
!

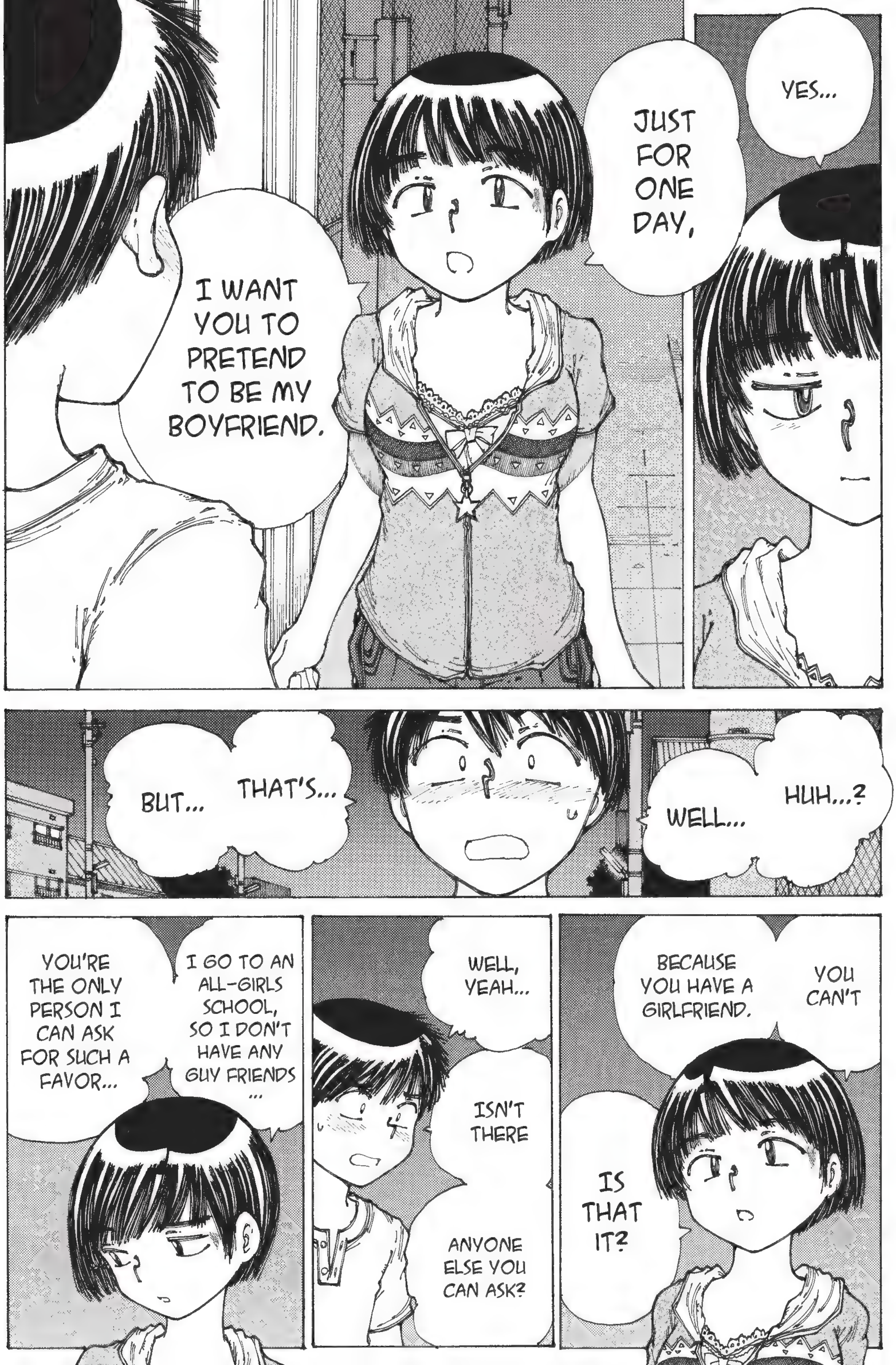

WHAT ...?
HAYAKAWA?!
YES...
SORRY TO CALL YOU ALL OF A SUDDEN...
AH,
NO, IT'S OKAY...
I WANTED TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT SOMETHING...
CAN YOU COME OUT NOW?
NOW?
I'M CALLING FROM NEAR YOUR HOUSE.
REALLY?
CAN'T YOU COME?
UH...
SURE, I'LL BE RIGHT THERE!
9月 SEPTEMBER
ガチャ
KACHAK
SIS,
I'M GOING OUT FOR A BIT!
WHAT?
BUT DINNER'S ALMOST READY!
I'LL BE RIGHT BACK!

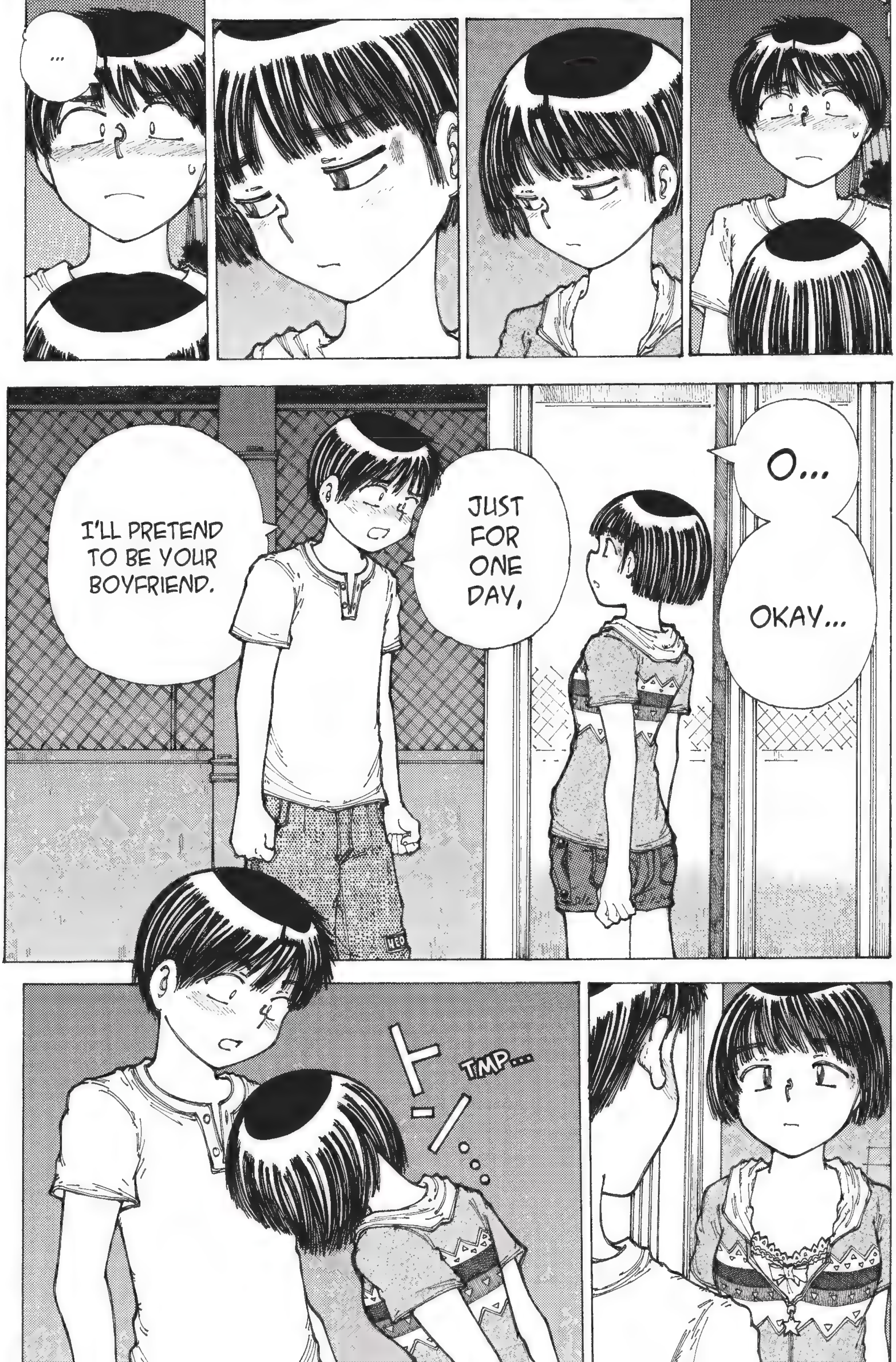

TSU BAKI
OH...
HAYA-KAWA!
SORRY TO CALL YOU OUT LIKE THIS...
WHAT HAPPENED? OUT OF NOWHERE...
YOU WANTED TO TALK ABOUT SOMETHING?

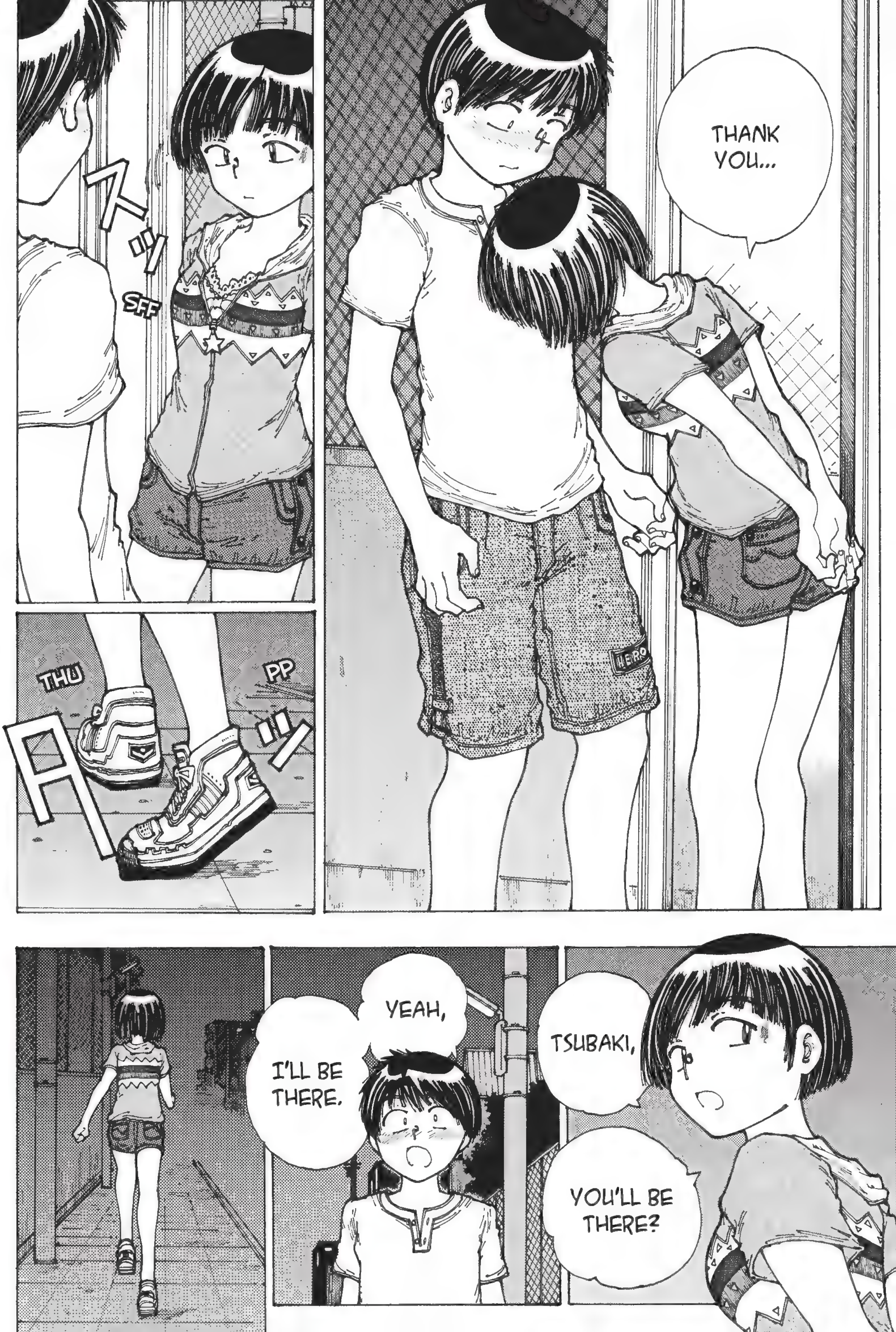

...
ACTUALLY ...
!
HAYA- KAWA...
WHAT HAPPENED THERE?
YOU HAVE A BANDAGE ...
...
PEEL...
H...
HOW'D YOU GET
THAT BRUISE ?!

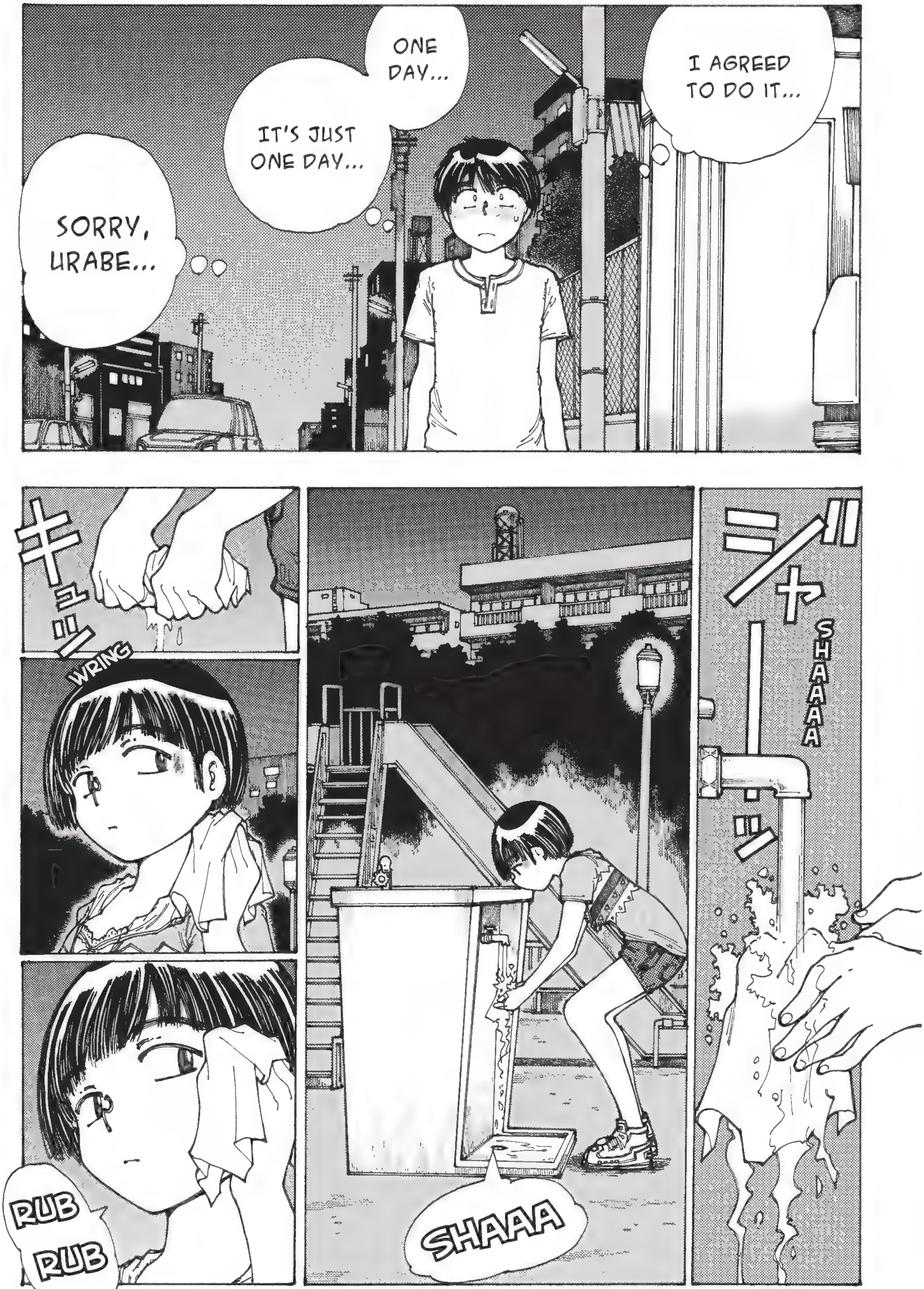

FROM THE GUY I WAS DATING...
WE BROKE UP...
BUT HE SHOWED UP YESTERDAY
AND SAID HE WANTED TO GET BACK TOGETHER...
YOU MEAN...
THE ONE WHO JUST BROKE UP WITH YOU?
AND WHEN I SAID NO WAY...
HE HIT YOU, HAYAKAWA?!
BUT HE WAS THE ONE WHO DUMPED YOU!!
HE'S PRETTY SELFISH!!
THAT'S WHY
I NEED YOUR HELP...


CAN YOU COME TO OUR
CULTURE FESTIVAL NEXT SUNDAY?
HUH?!
AT HOSHINOME GIRLS' ACADEMY?
WHY?
HE'LL BE COMING TO THE FESTIVAL, TOO,
BUT IF HE SEES ME WITH YOU,
HE'LL REALIZE THAT I LIKE SOMEONE ELSE NOW...
AND I THINK HE'LL GIVE UP...
S...
SO,
YOU MEAN...

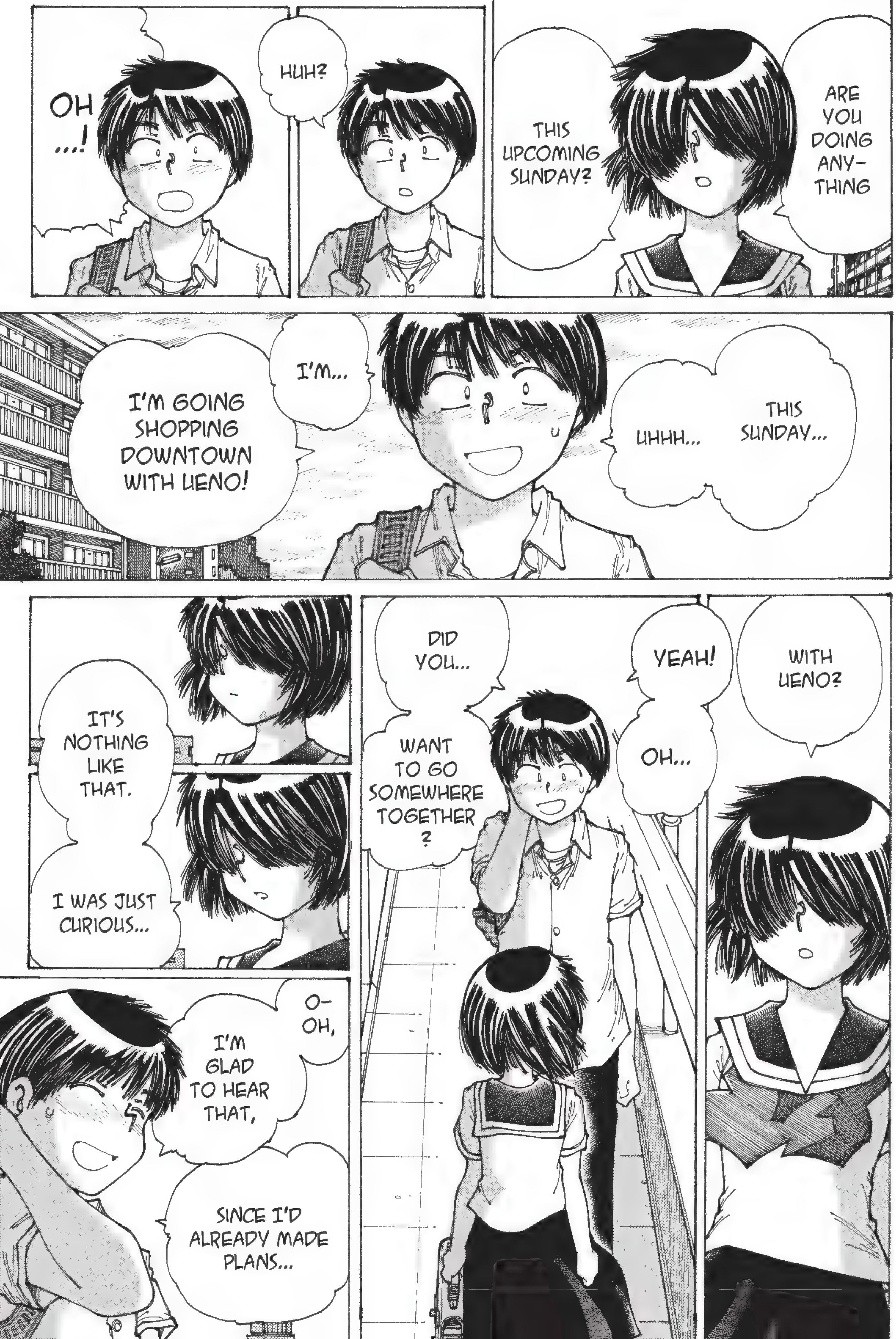

YES...
JUST FOR ONE DAY,
I WANT YOU TO PRETEND TO BE MY BOYFRIEND.
HUH...?
WELL...
THAT'S...
BUT...
YOU CAN'T
BECAUSE YOU HAVE A GIRLFRIEND.
IS THAT IT?
WELL, YEAH...
ISN'T THERE
ANYONE ELSE YOU CAN ASK?
I GO TO AN ALL-GIRLS SCHOOL, SO I DON'T HAVE ANY GUY FRIENDS...
YOU'RE THE ONLY PERSON I CAN ASK FOR SUCH A FAVOR...

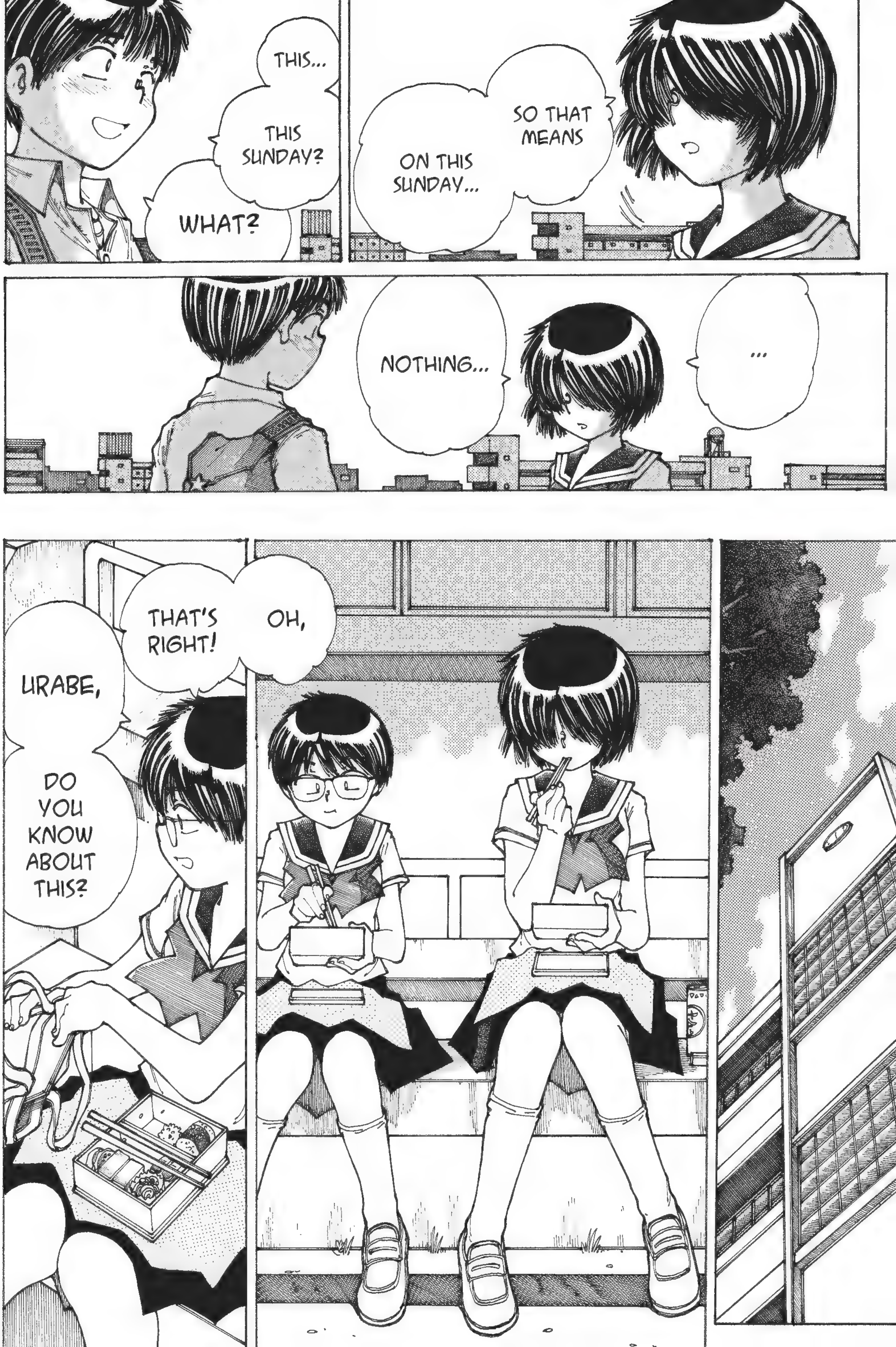

...
O...
OKAY...
JUST FOR ONE DAY,
I'LL PRETEND TO BE YOUR BOYFRIEND.
トン…
TMP...

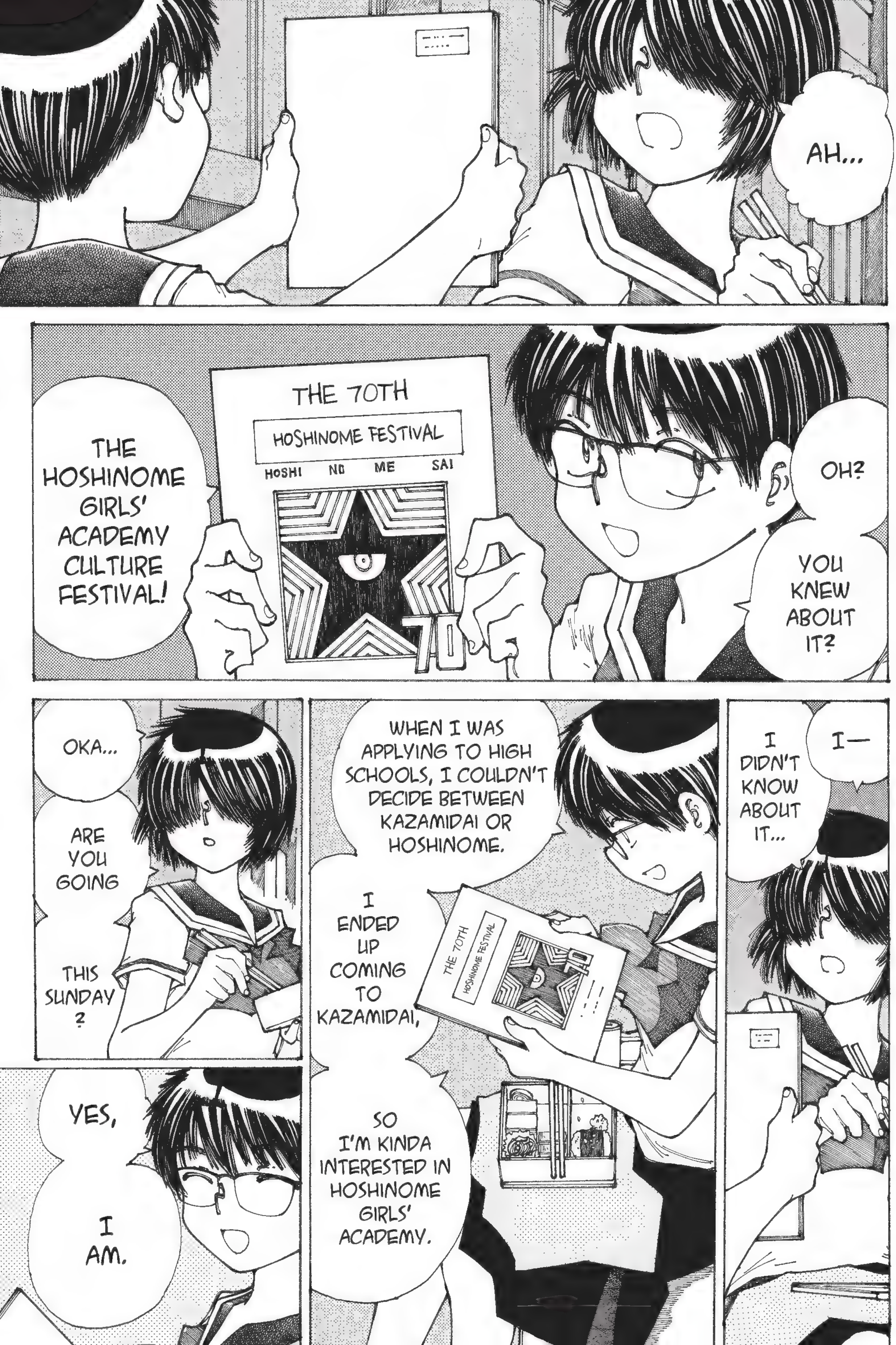

THANK YOU...
SFF
THU
PP
TSUBAKI,
YOU'LL BE THERE?
YEAH,
I'LL BE THERE.

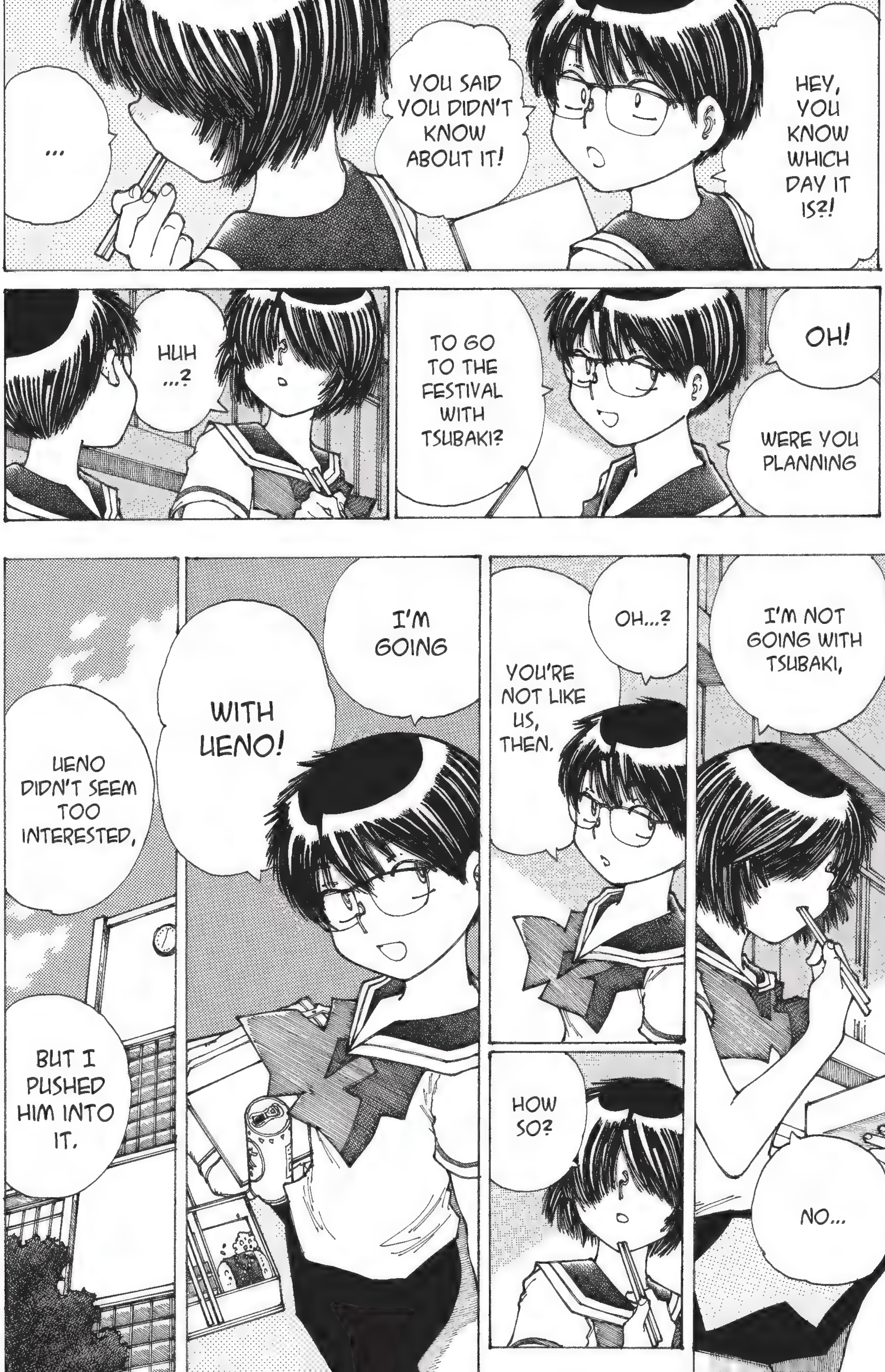

I AGREED TO DO IT...
ONE DAY...
IT'S JUST ONE DAY...
SORRY, URABE...
ジャーッ
SHAAAAA
SHAAA
キュッ
WRING
RUB RUB

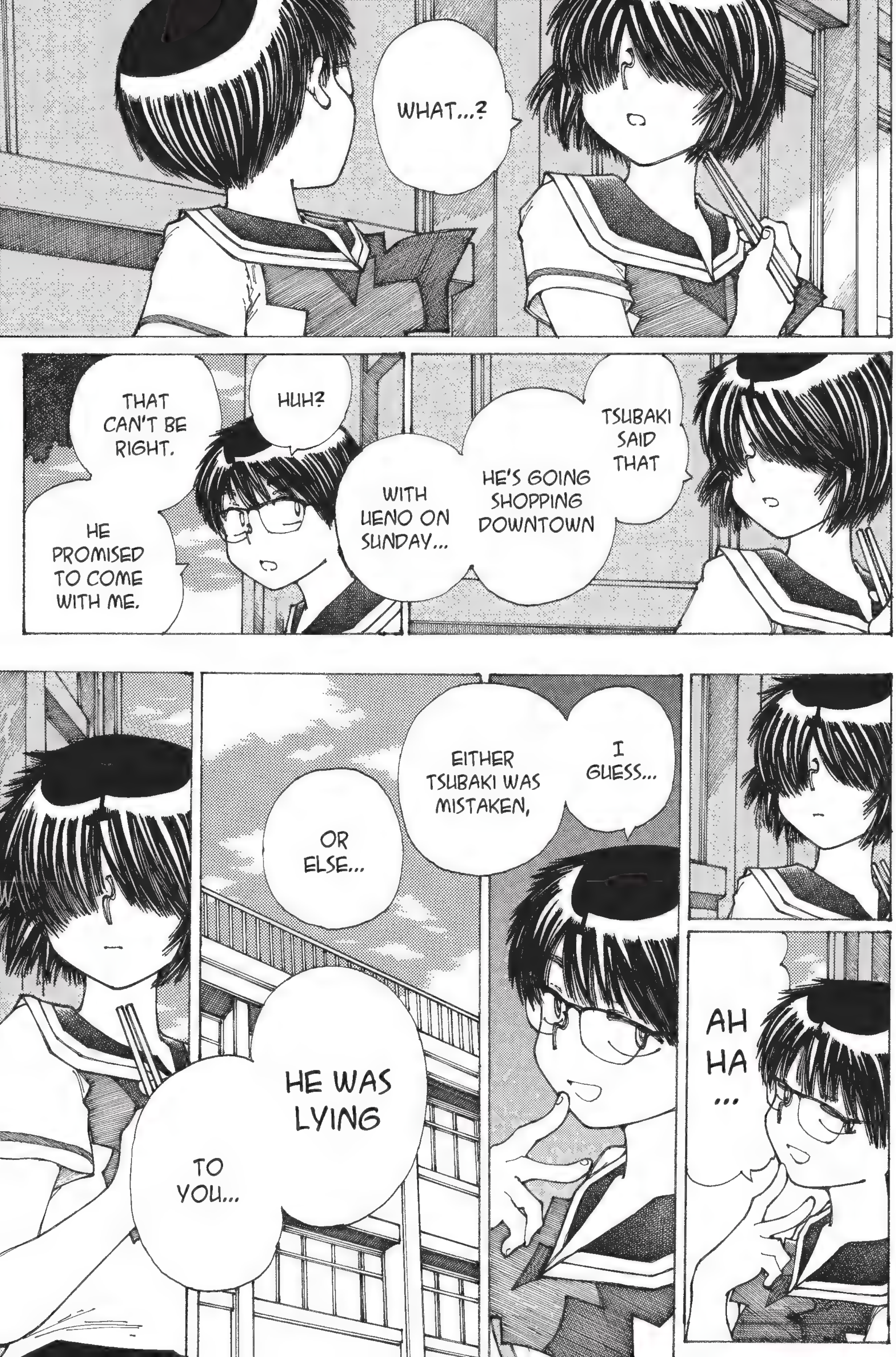
...
SHLP
...
TSUBAKI HEY,
...
HM?
WHAT?

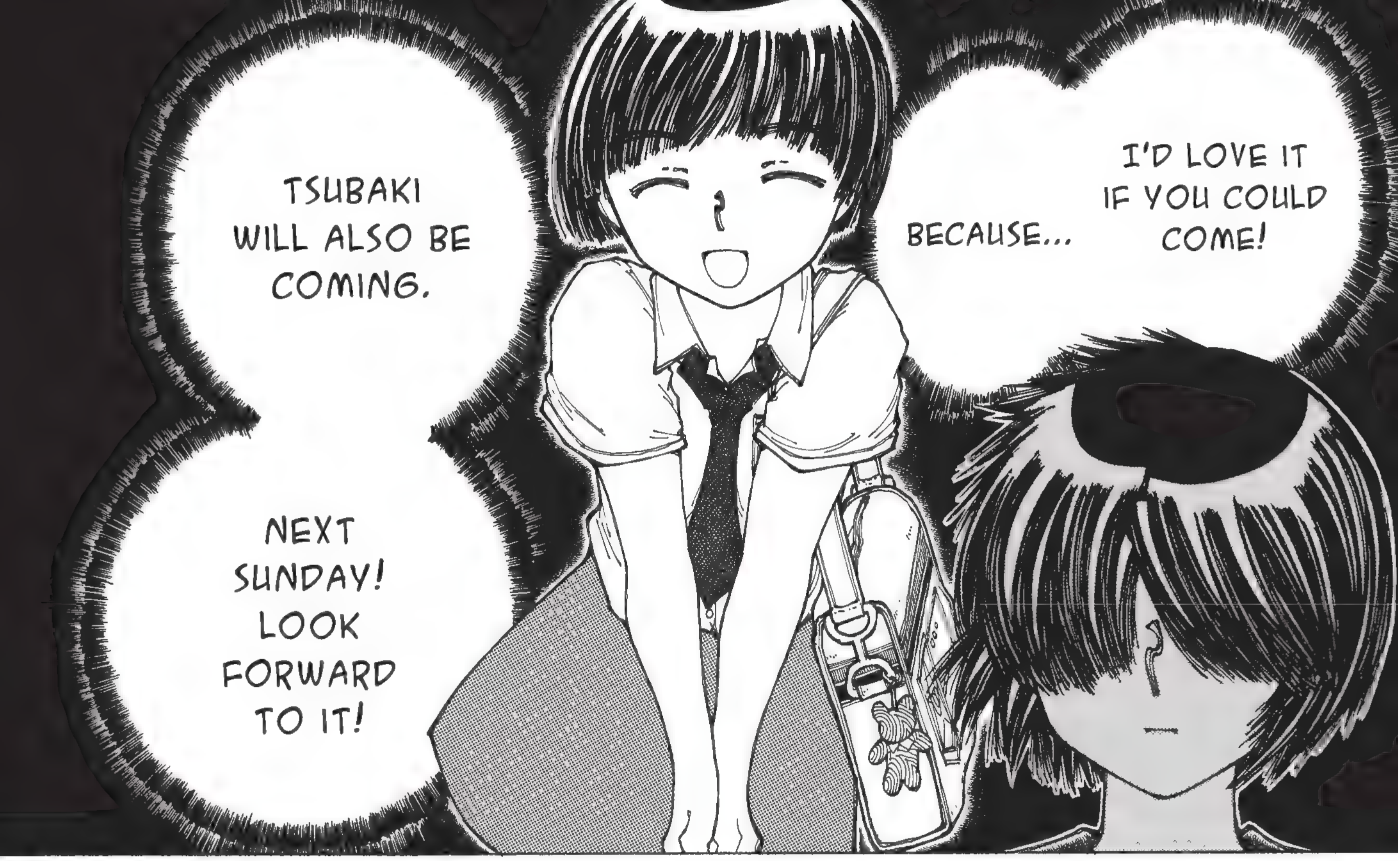

ARE YOU DOING ANYTHING
THIS UPCOMING SUNDAY?
HUH?
OH ...!
THIS SUNDAY...
UHHH...
I'M...
I'M GOING SHOPPING DOWNTOWN WITH UENO!
WITH UENO?
YEAH!
OH...
DID YOU...
WANT TO GO SOMEWHERE TOGETHER?
IT'S NOTHING LIKE THAT.
I WAS JUST CURIOUS...
O-OH,
I'M GLAD TO HEAR THAT,
SINCE I'D ALREADY MADE PLANS...

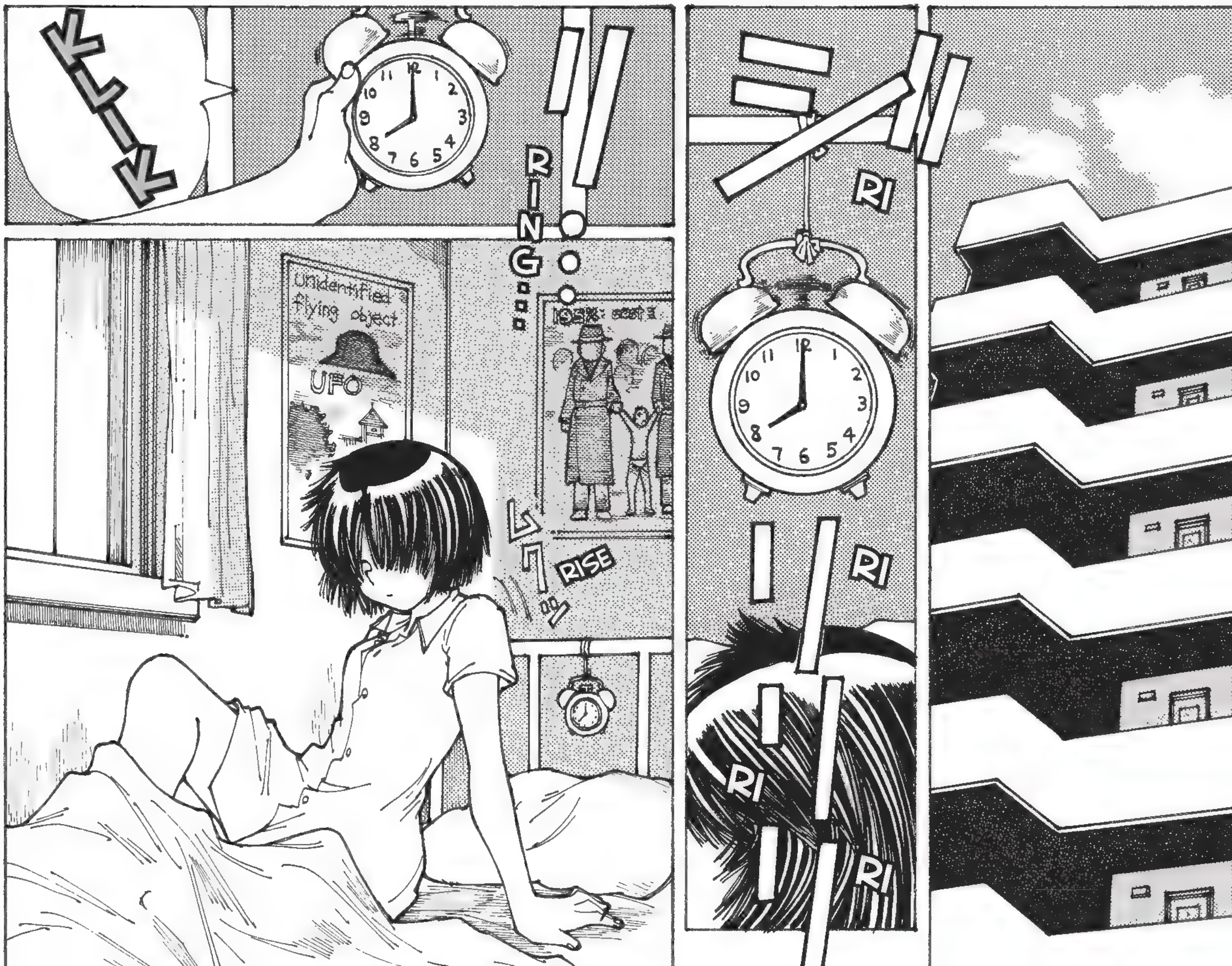

SO THAT MEANS
ON THIS SUNDAY...
THIS...
THIS SUNDAY?
WHAT?
...
NOTHING...
OH,
THAT'S RIGHT!
URABE,
DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THIS?


AH...
OH?
YOU KNEW ABOUT IT?
THE 70TH
HOSHINOME FESTIVAL
HOSHI NO ME SAI
70
THE HOSHINOME GIRLS' ACADEMY CULTURE FESTIVAL!
I—
I DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT IT...
WHEN I WAS APPLYING TO HIGH SCHOOLS, I COULDN'T DECIDE BETWEEN KAZAMIDAI OR HOSHINOME.
I ENDED UP COMING TO KAZAMIDAI,
SO I'M KINDA INTERESTED IN HOSHINOME GIRLS' ACADEMY.
THE 70TH
HOSHINOME FESTIVAL
OKA...
ARE YOU GOING
THIS SUNDAY?
YES,
I AM.


HEY, YOU KNOW WHICH DAY IT IS?!
YOU SAID YOU DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT IT!
...
OH!
WERE YOU PLANNING
TO GO TO THE FESTIVAL WITH TSUBAKI?
HUH ...?
I'M NOT GOING WITH TSUBAKI,
NO...
OH...?
YOU'RE NOT LIKE US, THEN.
HOW SO?
I'M GOING
WITH UENO!
UENO DIDN'T SEEM TOO INTERESTED,
BUT I PUSHED HIM INTO IT.


WHAT...?
TSUBAKI SAID THAT
HE'S GOING SHOPPING DOWNTOWN
WITH UENO ON SUNDAY...
HUH?
THAT CAN'T BE RIGHT.
HE PROMISED TO COME WITH ME.
I GUESS...
EITHER TSUBAKI WAS MISTAKEN,
OR ELSE...
HE WAS LYING
TO YOU...
AH HA...


BECAUSE...
I'D LOVE IT IF YOU COULD COME!
TSUBAKI WILL ALSO BE COMING.
NEXT SUNDAY! LOOK FORWARD TO IT!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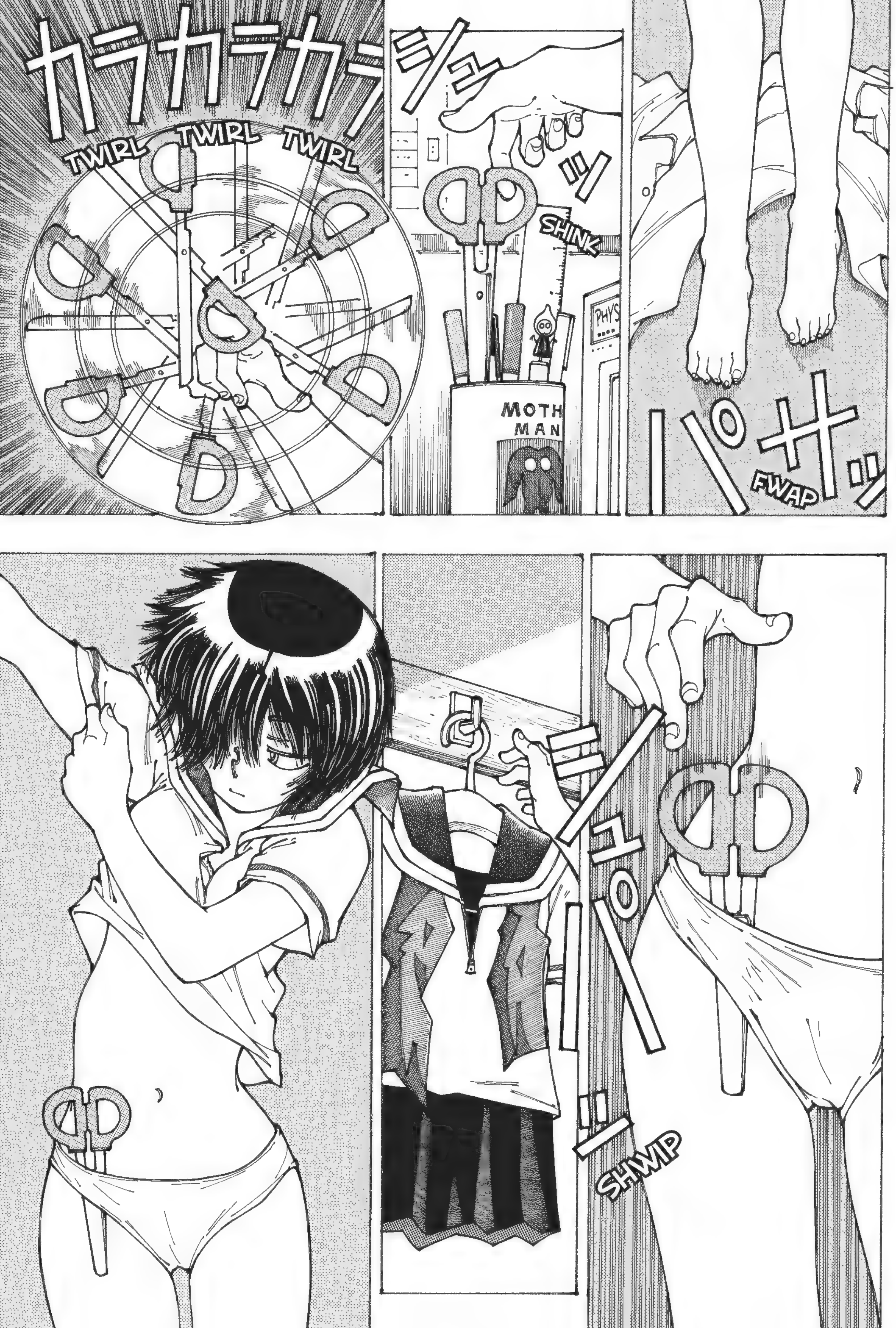
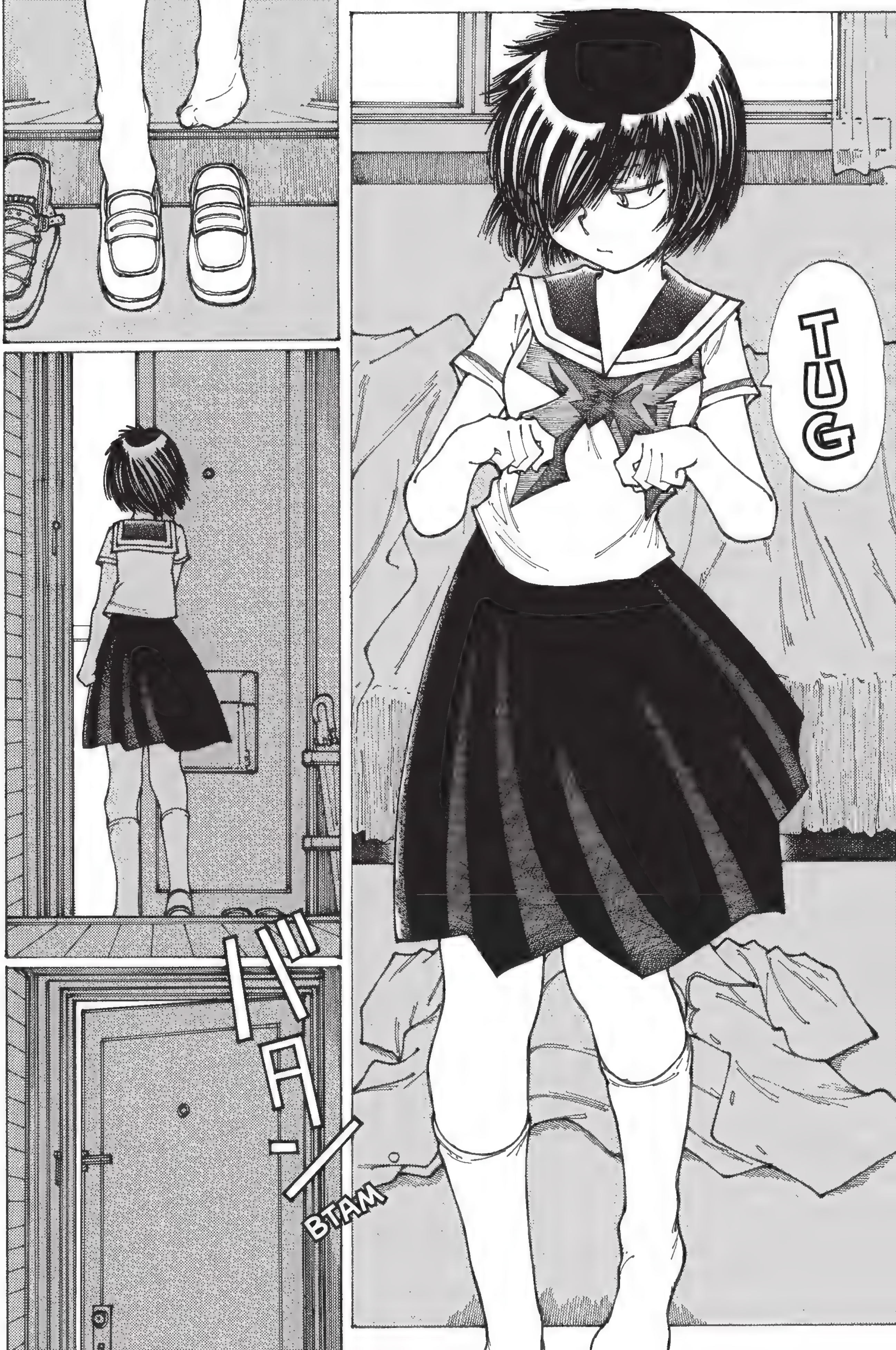
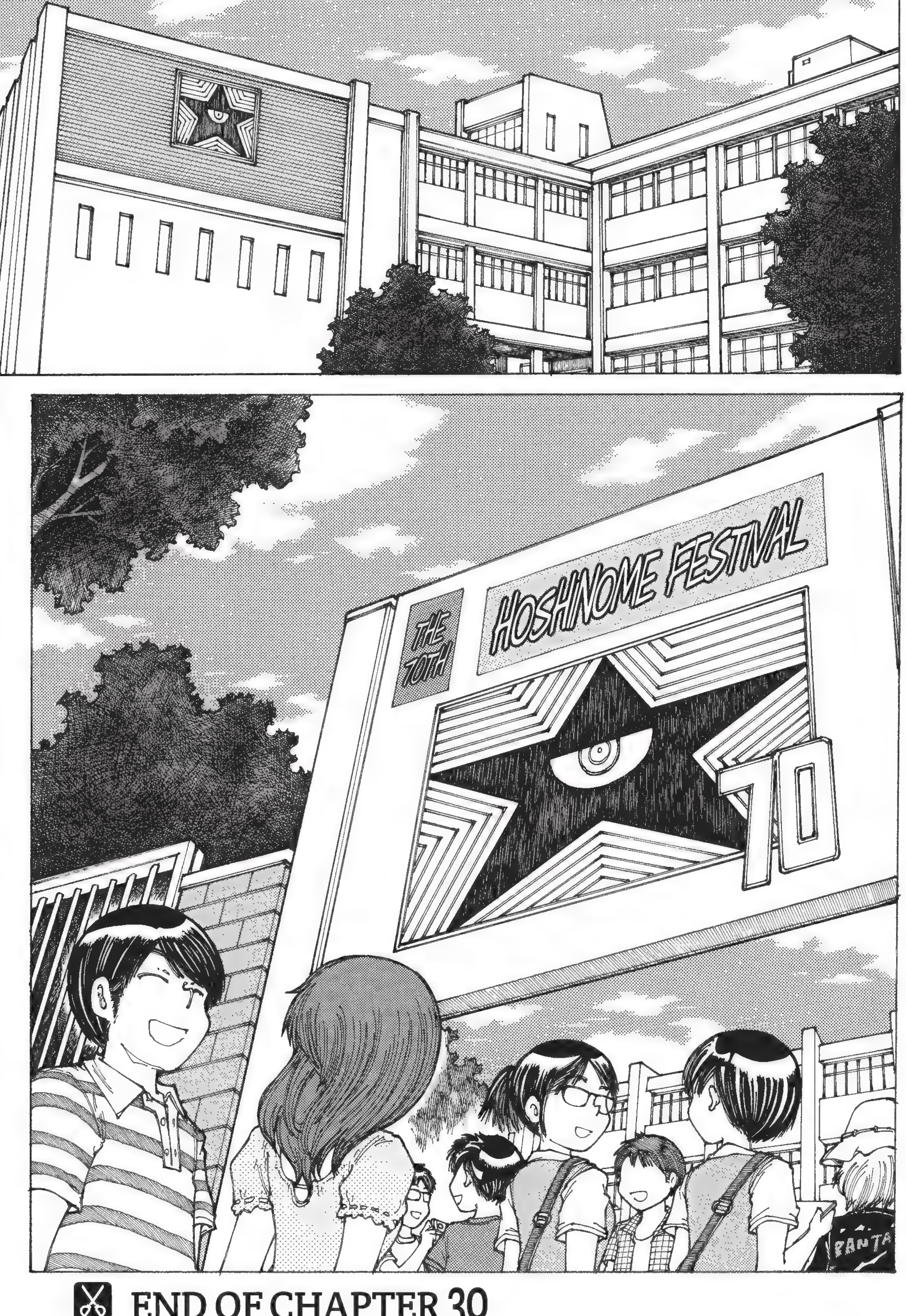
RI
RI
RI
KLIK
RING...
Unidentified flying object
UFO
RISE


パサッ
FWAP
シュッ
SHINK
PHYS
MOTH MAN
カラカラカラ
TWIRL TWIRL TWIRL
シュパッ
SHWIP


TUG
BTAM


THE 70TH
HOSHINOME FESTIVAL
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“Mysterious Girlfriend X” School Uniform Guide, Part 1

The Prestigious Girls’ School with a 70-Year History

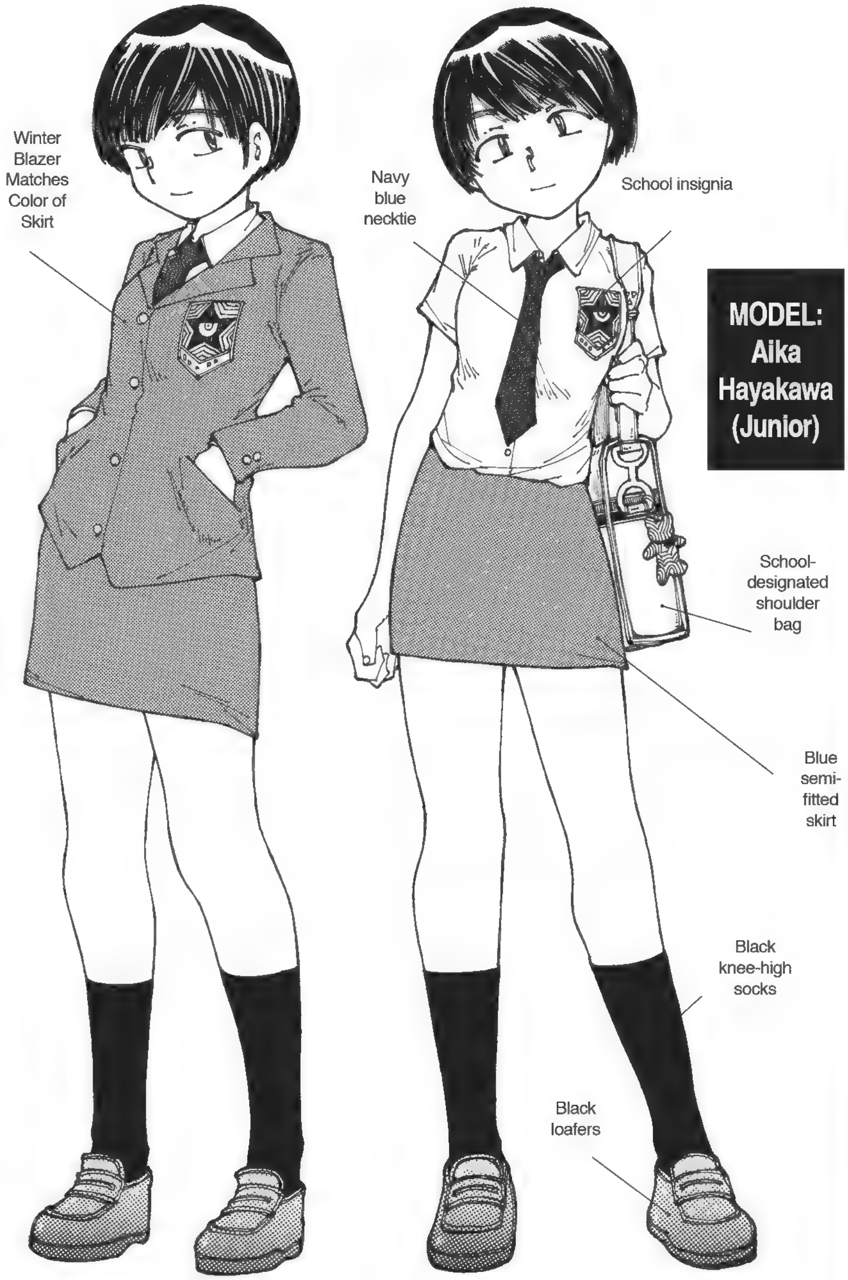
HOSHINOME GIRLS’ ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL

LOCATION: A town in Tokyo **POPULATION:** 900 students

REMARKS: Known for the unusual nature of its culture festival.

By the way, this is the uniform of Urabe’s school, Kazamidai Municipal High School.

Red tie, navy blue skirt. Two white lines on collar. A very orthodox sailor-style uniform.


Winter Blazer Matches Color of Skirt
Navy blue necktie
School insignia
MODEL: Aika Hayakawa (Junior)
School-designated shoulder bag
Blue semi-fitted skirt
Black knee-high socks
Black loafers

A simple design in a blue motif.

CHAPTER 31: MYSTERIOUS CULTURE FESTIVAL (PART 1)

THE 70TH
HOSHINOME FESTIVAL
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HOSHIN
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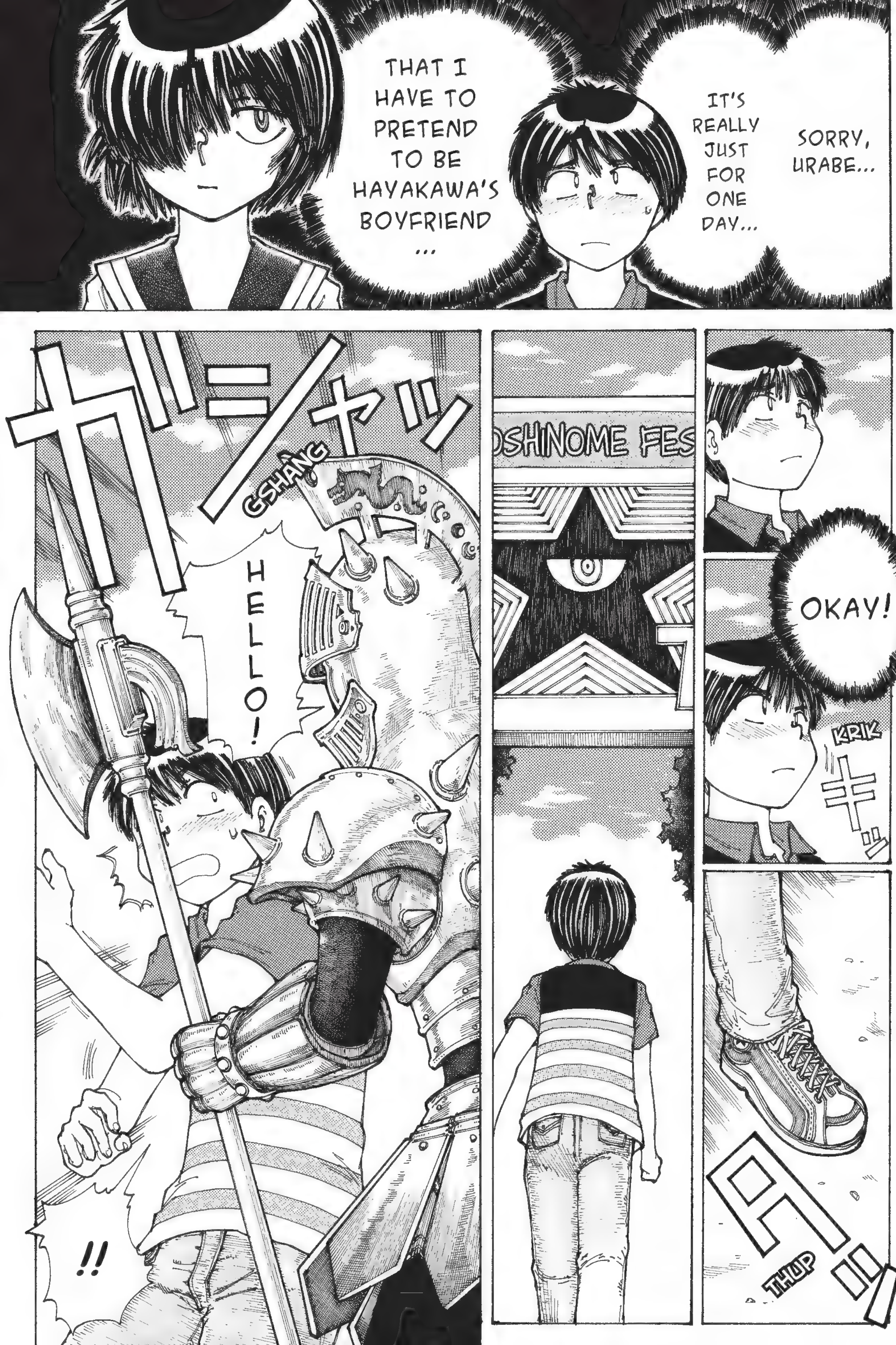
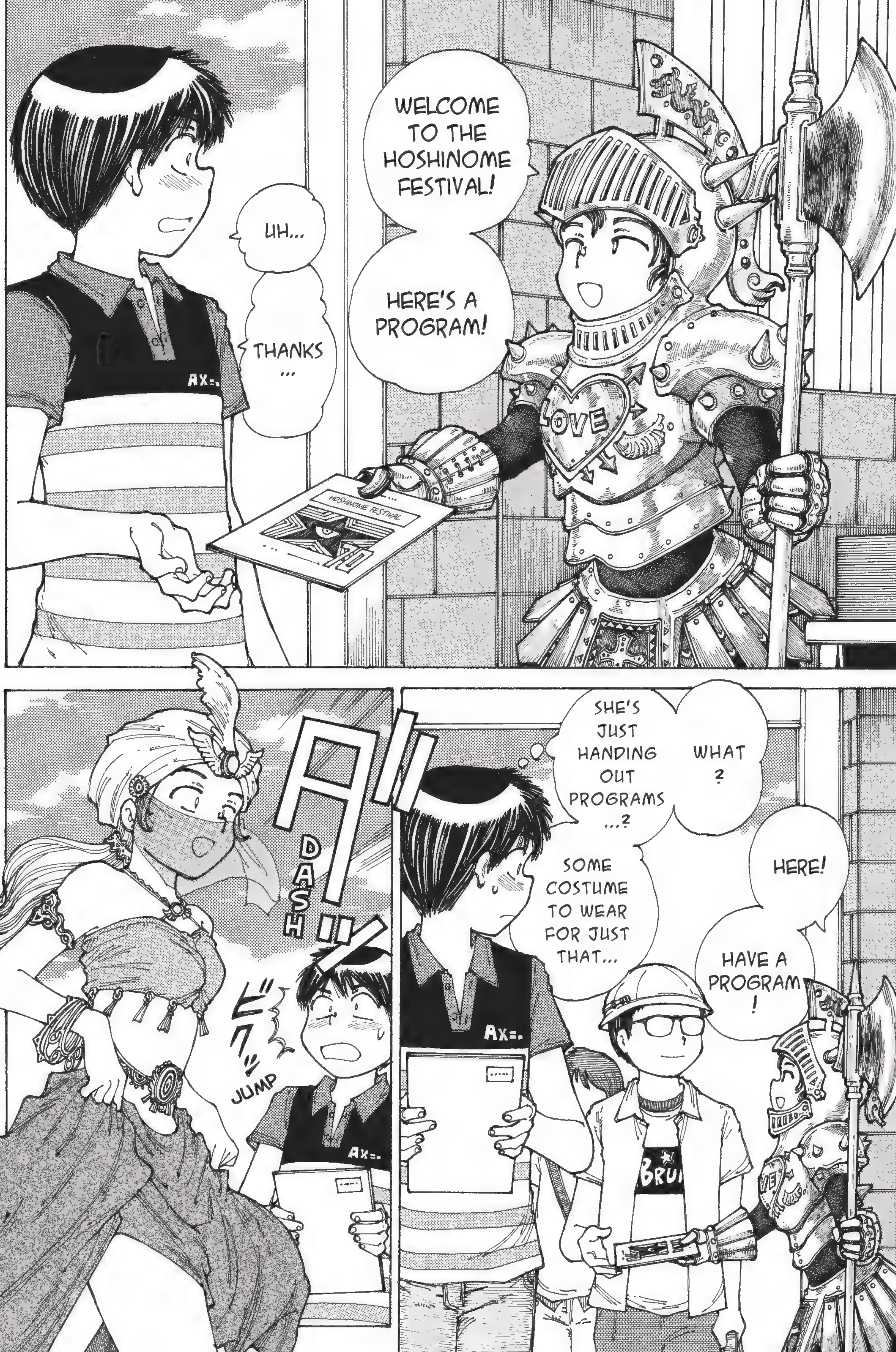
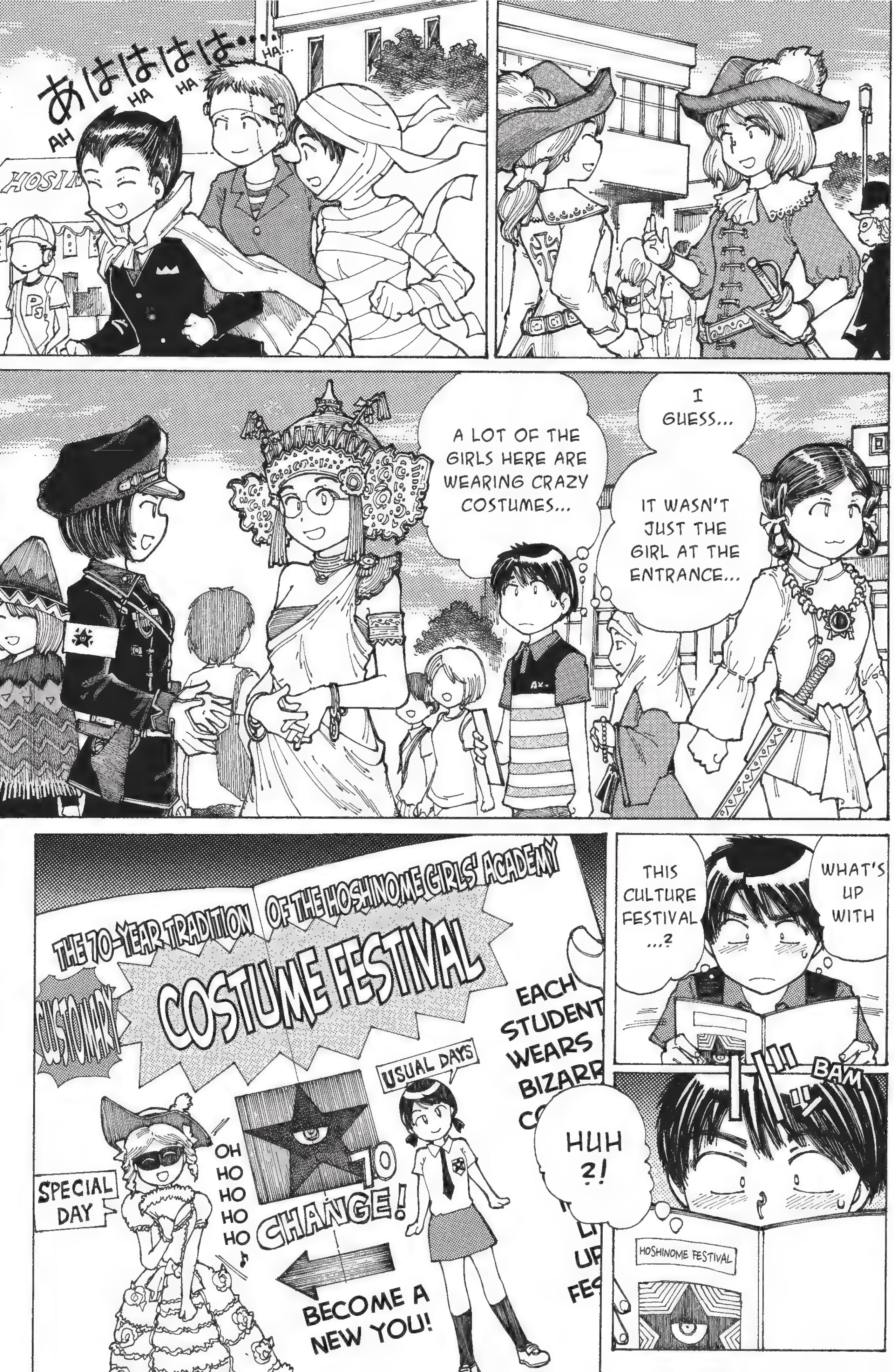
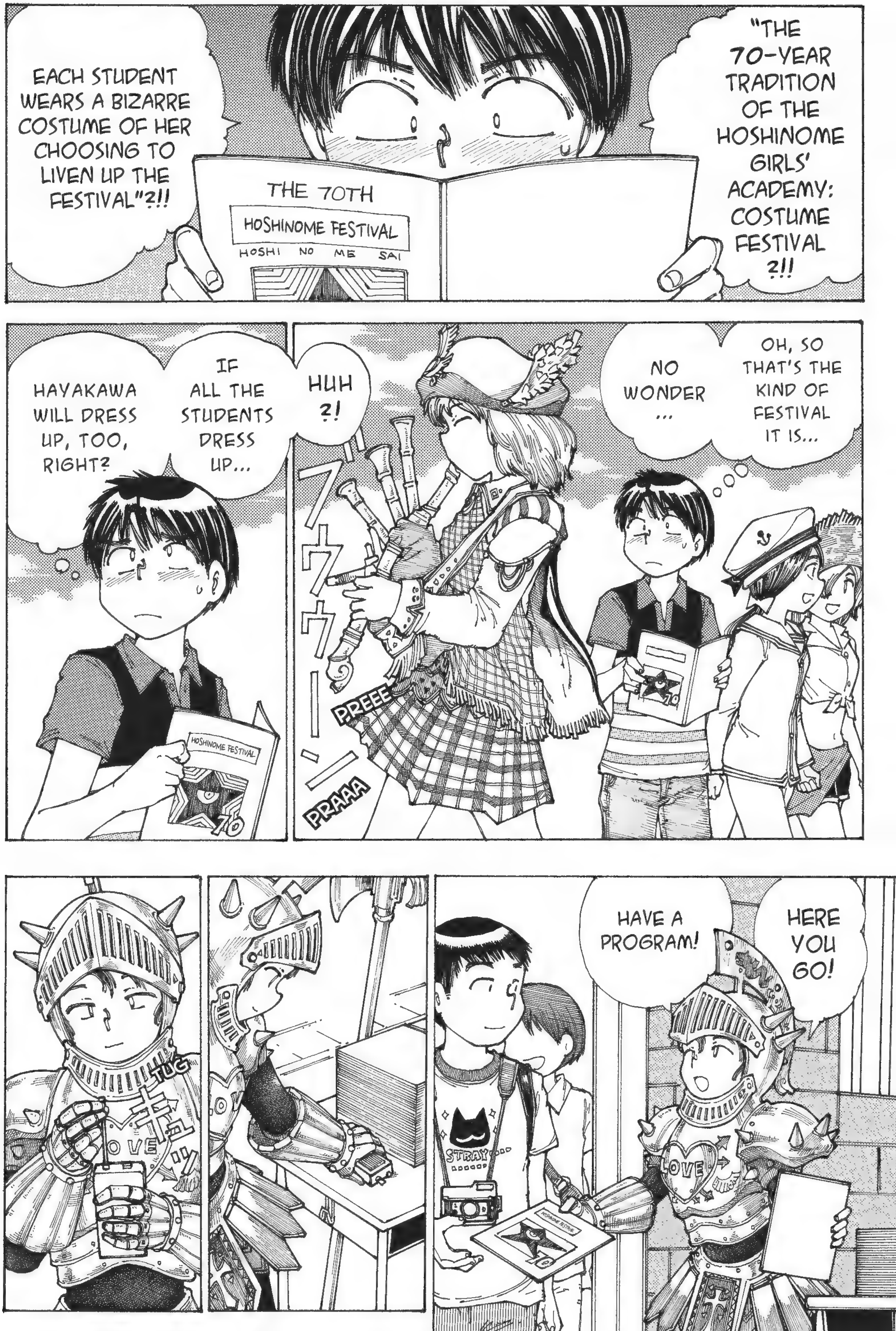
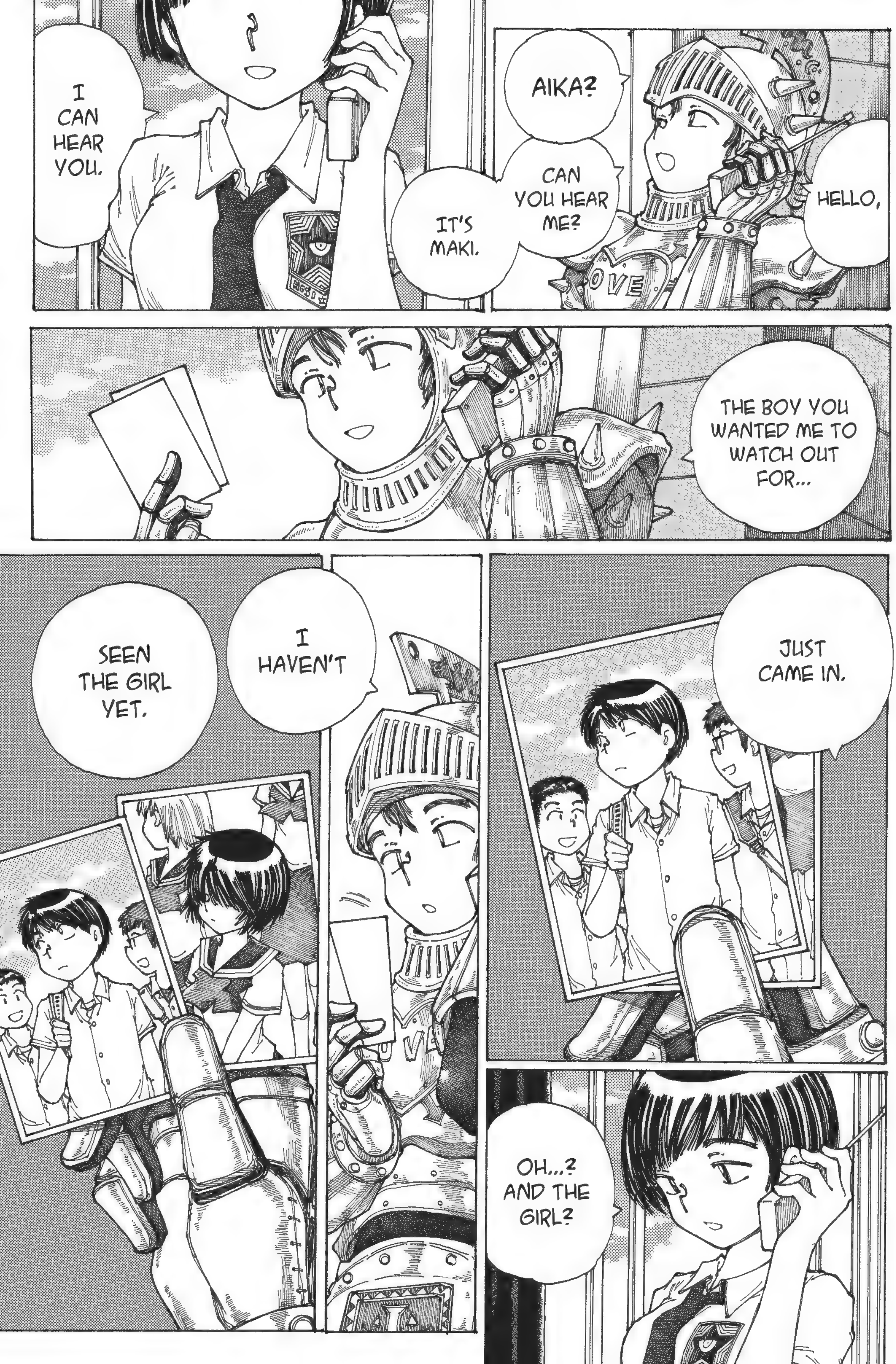
OSHINOMESAI
I ACTUALLY CAME...
TO THE HOSHINOME GIRLS' ACADEMY CULTURAL FESTIVAL ...
CROSS
AX=.

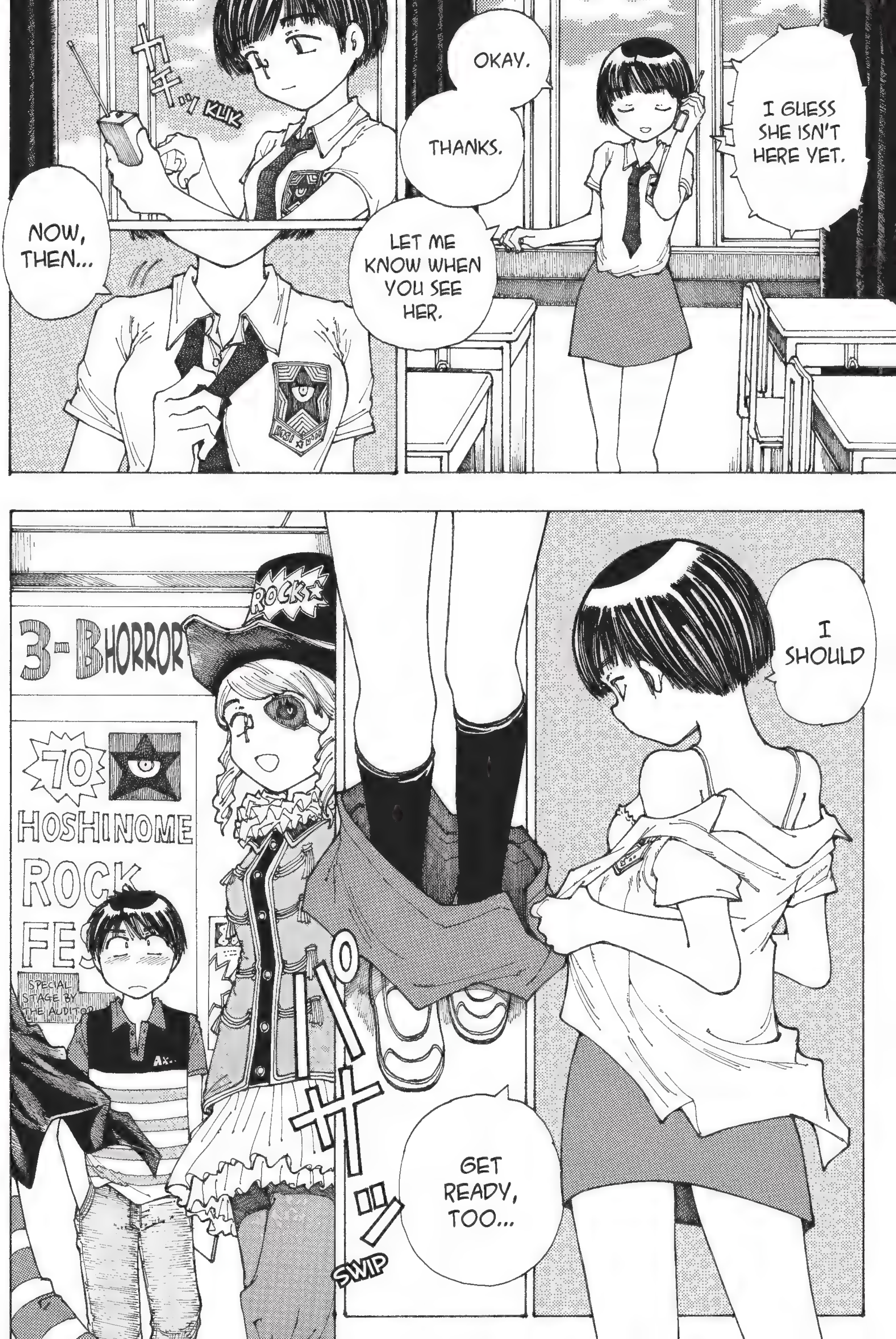

SORRY, URABE...
IT'S REALLY JUST FOR ONE DAY...
THAT I HAVE TO PRETEND TO BE HAYAKAWA'S BOYFRIEND ...
OKAY!
KRIK
キッ
THUP
OSHINOME FES
ガシャッ
GSHANG
HELLO!
!!

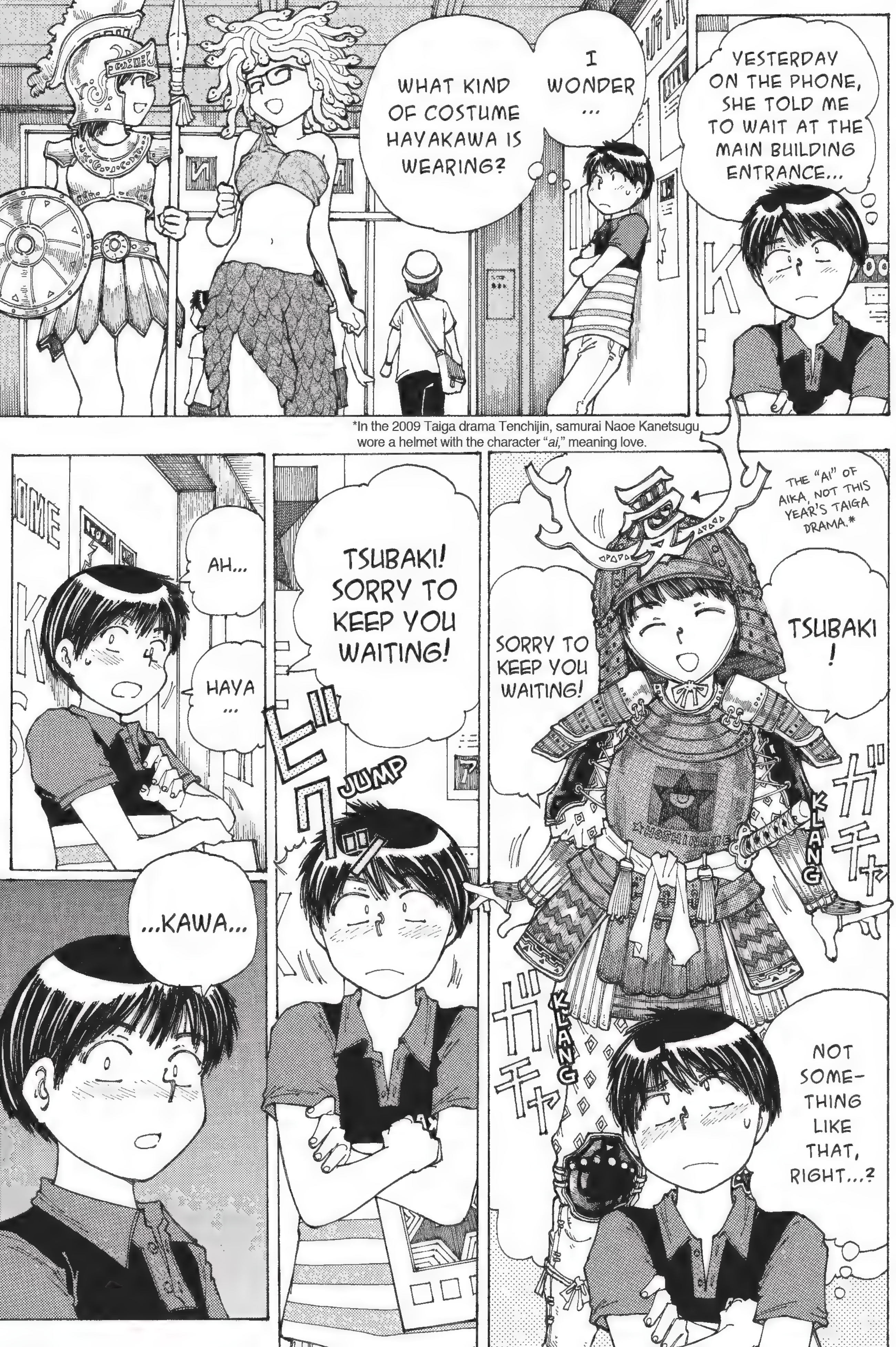

WELCOME TO THE HOSHINOME FESTIVAL!
UH...
HERE'S A PROGRAM!
THANKS...
HOSHINOME FESTIVAL
AX=.
LOVE
HERE!
HAVE A PROGRAM!
WHAT?
SHE'S JUST HANDING OUT PROGRAMS...?
SOME COSTUME TO WEAR FOR JUST THAT...
BRU
ダッ
DASH
ビクッ
JUMP


あははは…
AH HA HA HA...
HA...
HOSIN
I GUESS...
A LOT OF THE GIRLS HERE ARE WEARING CRAZY COSTUMES...
IT WASN'T JUST THE GIRL AT THE ENTRANCE...
WHAT'S UP WITH
THIS CULTURE FESTIVAL ...?
BAM
HUH ?!
HOSHINOME FESTIVAL
THE 70-YEAR TRADITION OF THE HOSHINOME GIRLS' ACADEMY
CUSTOMARY
COSTUME FESTIVAL
EACH STUDENT WEARS BIZARR
CO
LI
UP
FES
USUAL DAYS
SPECIAL DAY
OH HO HO HO HO ♪
70
CHANGE!
BECOME A NEW YOU!

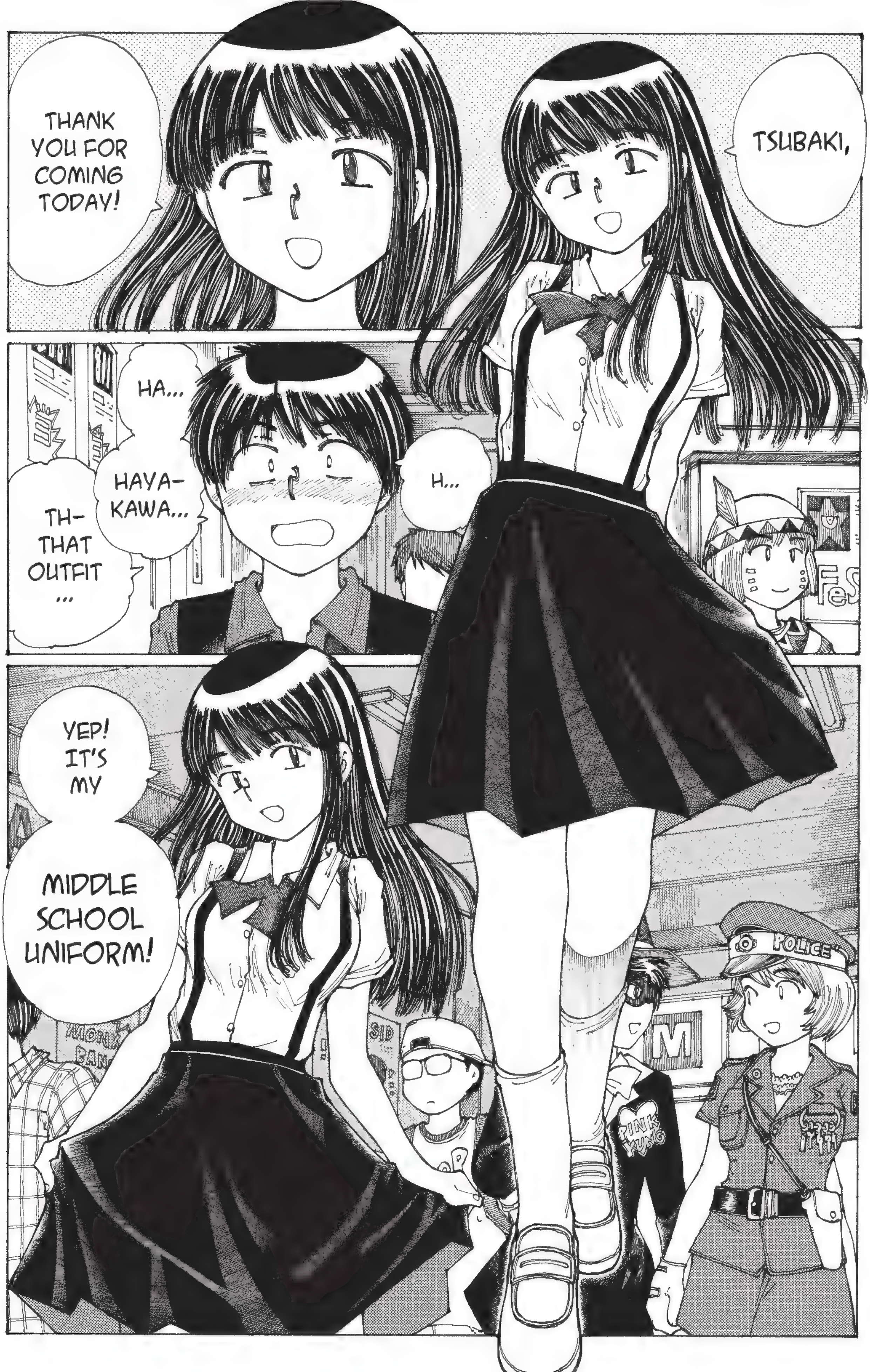

"THE 70-YEAR TRADITION OF THE HOSHINOME GIRLS' ACADEMY: COSTUME FESTIVAL ?!!
THE 70TH
HOSHINOME FESTIVAL
HOSHI NO ME SAI
EACH STUDENT WEARS A BIZARRE COSTUME OF HER CHOOSING TO LIVEN UP THE FESTIVAL"?!!
OH, SO THAT'S THE KIND OF FESTIVAL IT IS...
NO WONDER ...
HUH ?!
PREEE
PRAAA
IF ALL THE STUDENTS DRESS UP...
HAYAKAWA WILL DRESS UP, TOO, RIGHT?
HOSHINOME FESTIVAL
HERE YOU GO!
HAVE A PROGRAM!
STRAY
LOVE
HOSHINOME FESTIVAL
TUG
LOVE

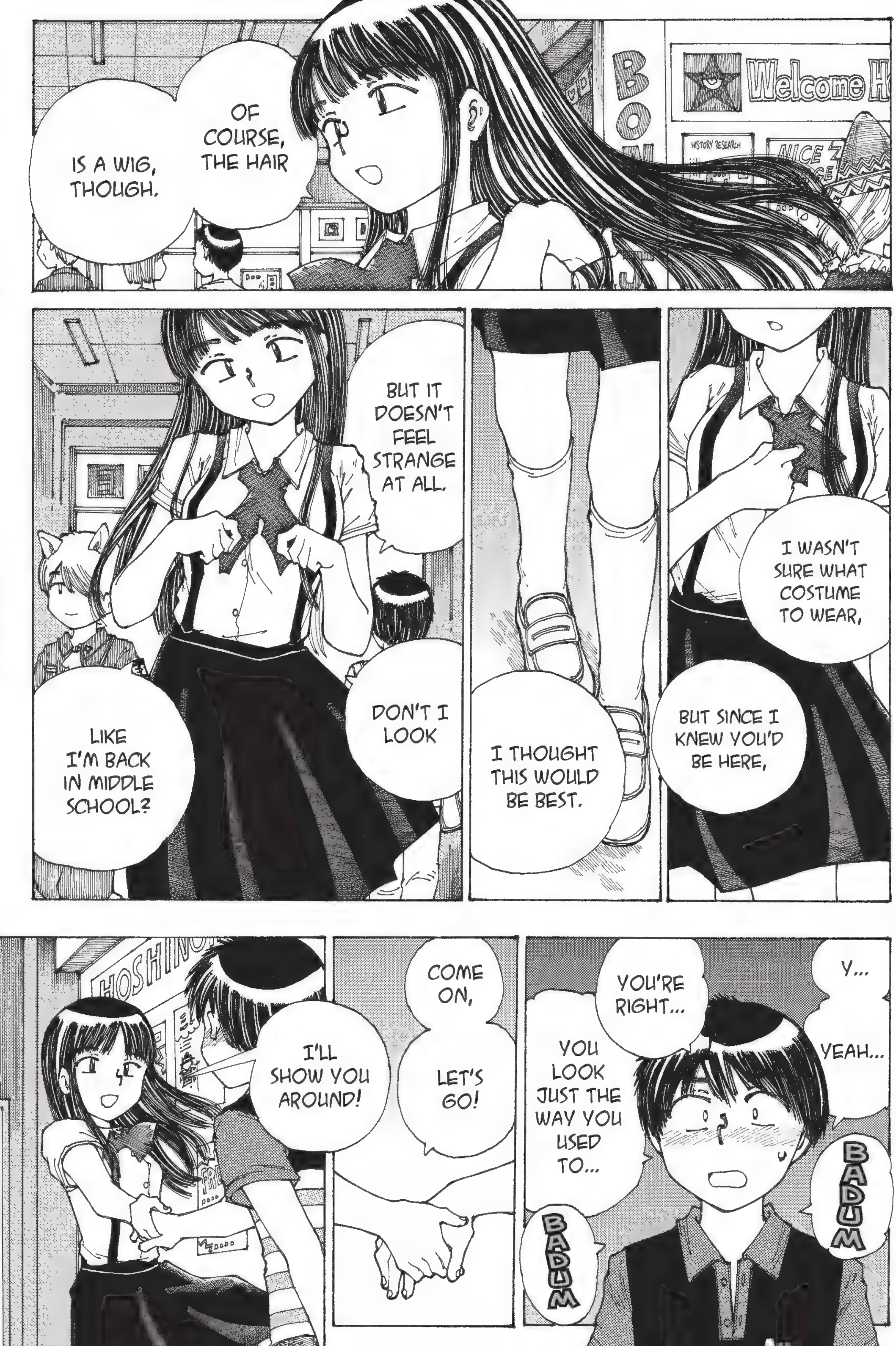

HELLO,
AIKA?
CAN YOU HEAR ME?
IT'S MAKI.
I CAN HEAR YOU.
THE BOY YOU WANTED ME TO WATCH OUT FOR...
JUST CAME IN.
OH...? AND THE GIRL?
I HAVEN'T
SEEN THE GIRL YET.

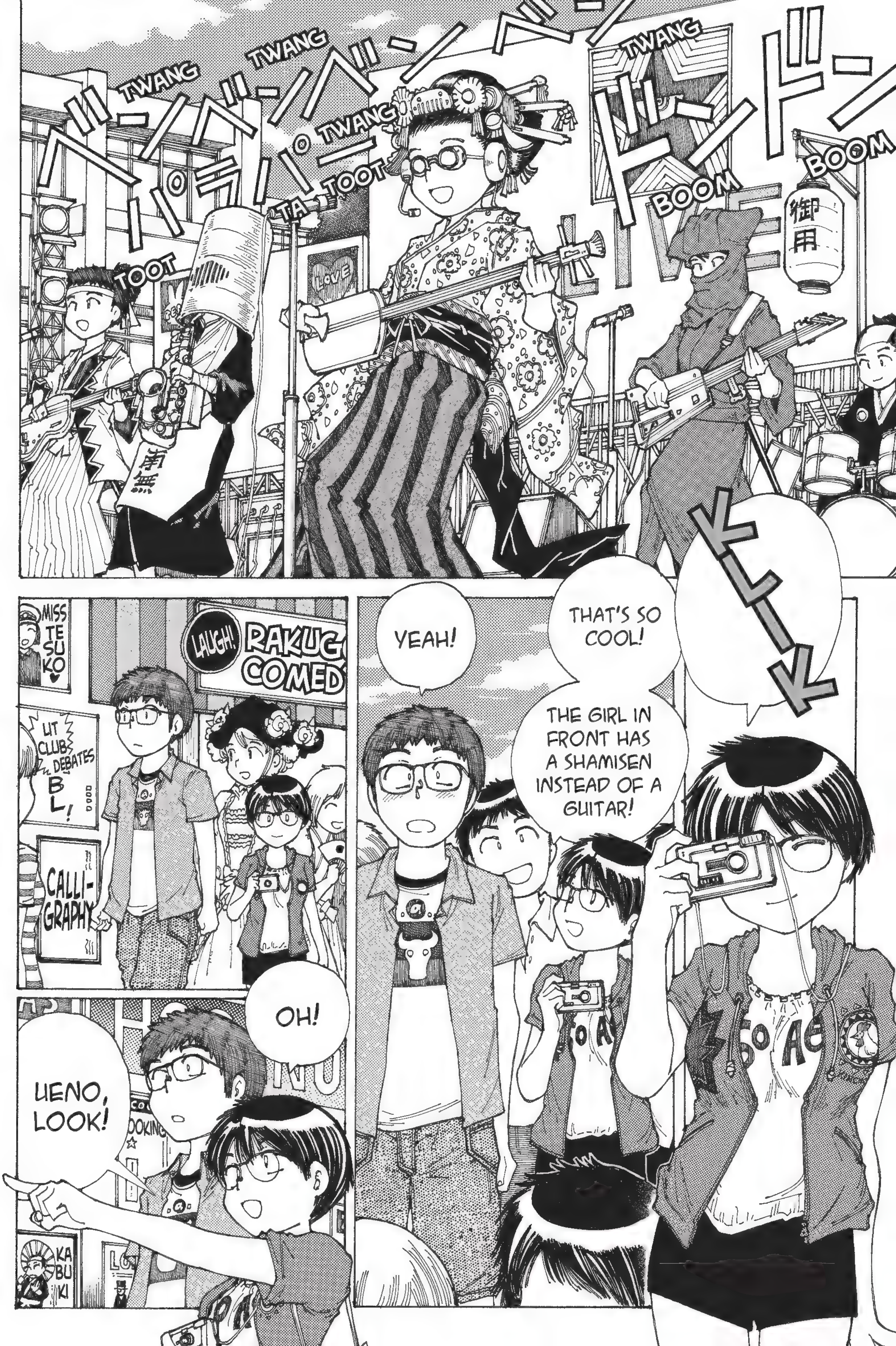

I GUESS SHE ISN'T HERE YET.
LET ME KNOW WHEN YOU SEE HER.
OKAY.
THANKS.
カチッ KLIK
NOW, THEN...
I SHOULD
GET READY, TOO...
バサッ SWIP
ROCK☆
3-B HORROR
70
HOSHINOME ROCK FES
SPECIAL STAGE BY THE AUDITOR

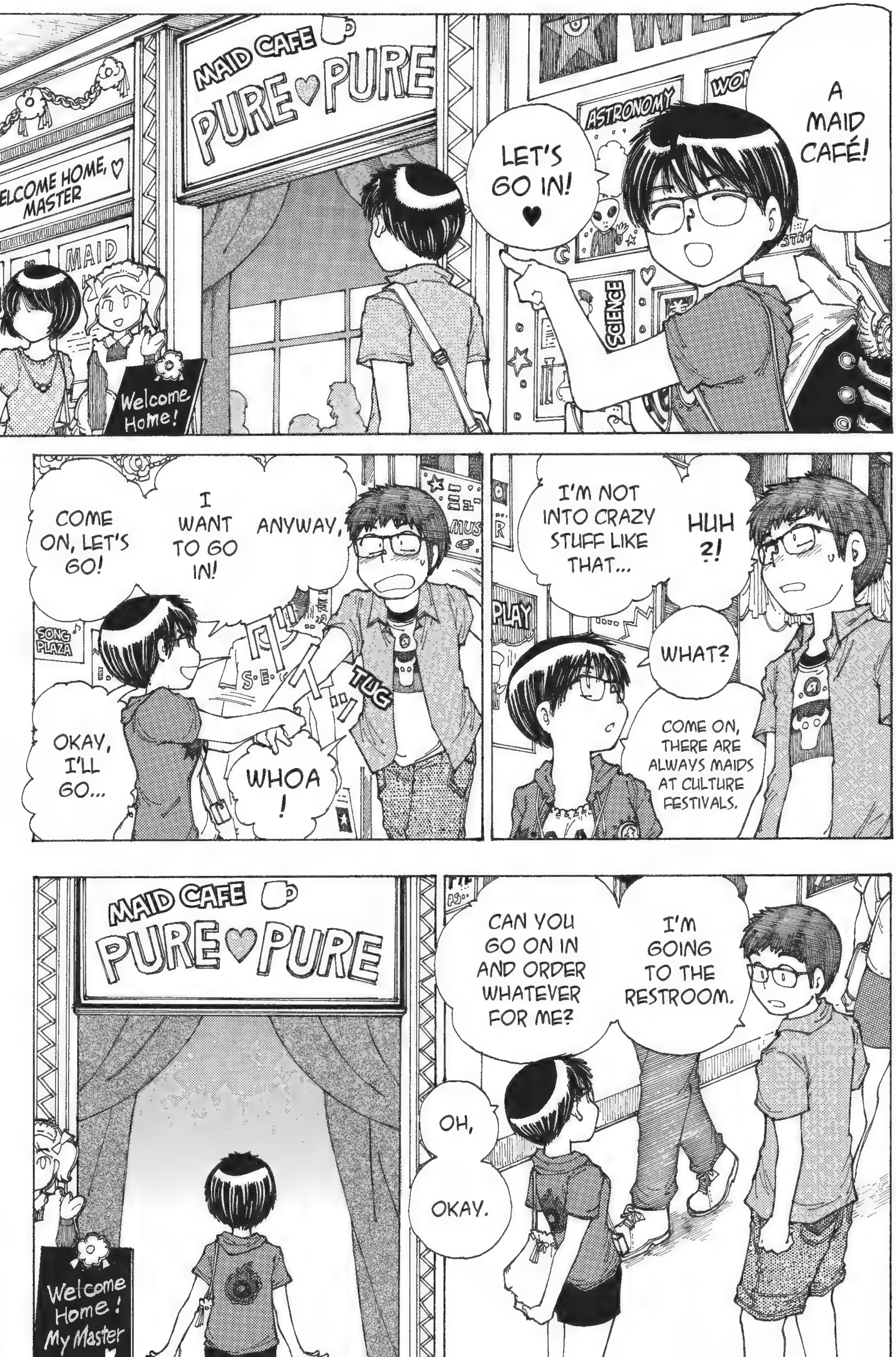

YESTERDAY ON THE PHONE, SHE TOLD ME TO WAIT AT THE MAIN BUILDING ENTRANCE...
I WONDER ...
WHAT KIND OF COSTUME HAYAKAWA IS WEARING?
THE "AI" OF AIKA, NOT THIS YEAR'S TAIGA DRAMA.*
TSUBAKI!
SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING!
ガチャ
KLANG
ガチャ
KLANG
NOT SOME-THING LIKE THAT, RIGHT...?
TSUBAKI! SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING!
ビクッ
JUMP
AH...
HAYA...
...KAWA...

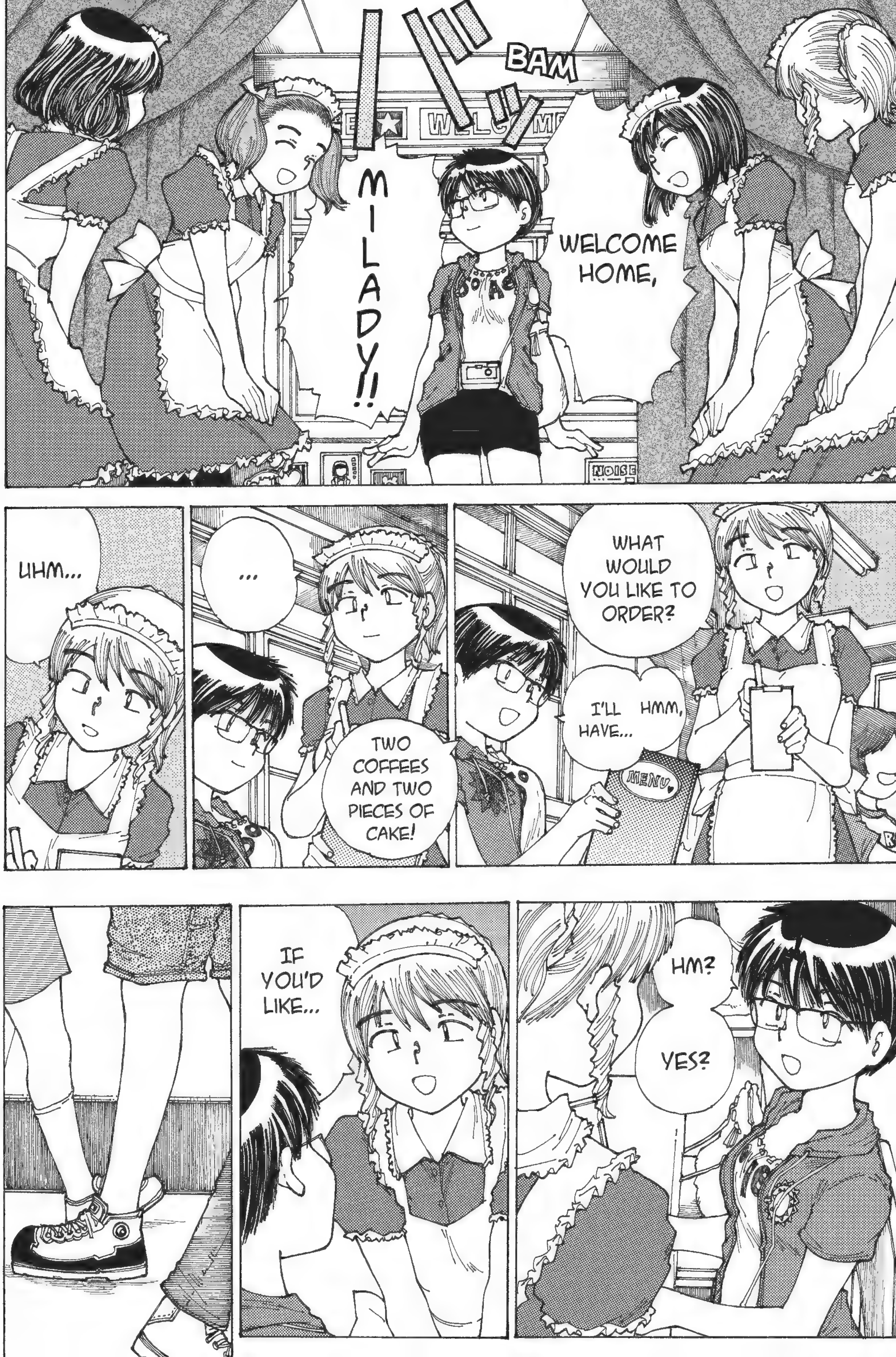
*In the 2009 Taiga drama Tenchijin, samurai Naoe Kanetsugu wore a helmet with the character "*ai*," meaning love.

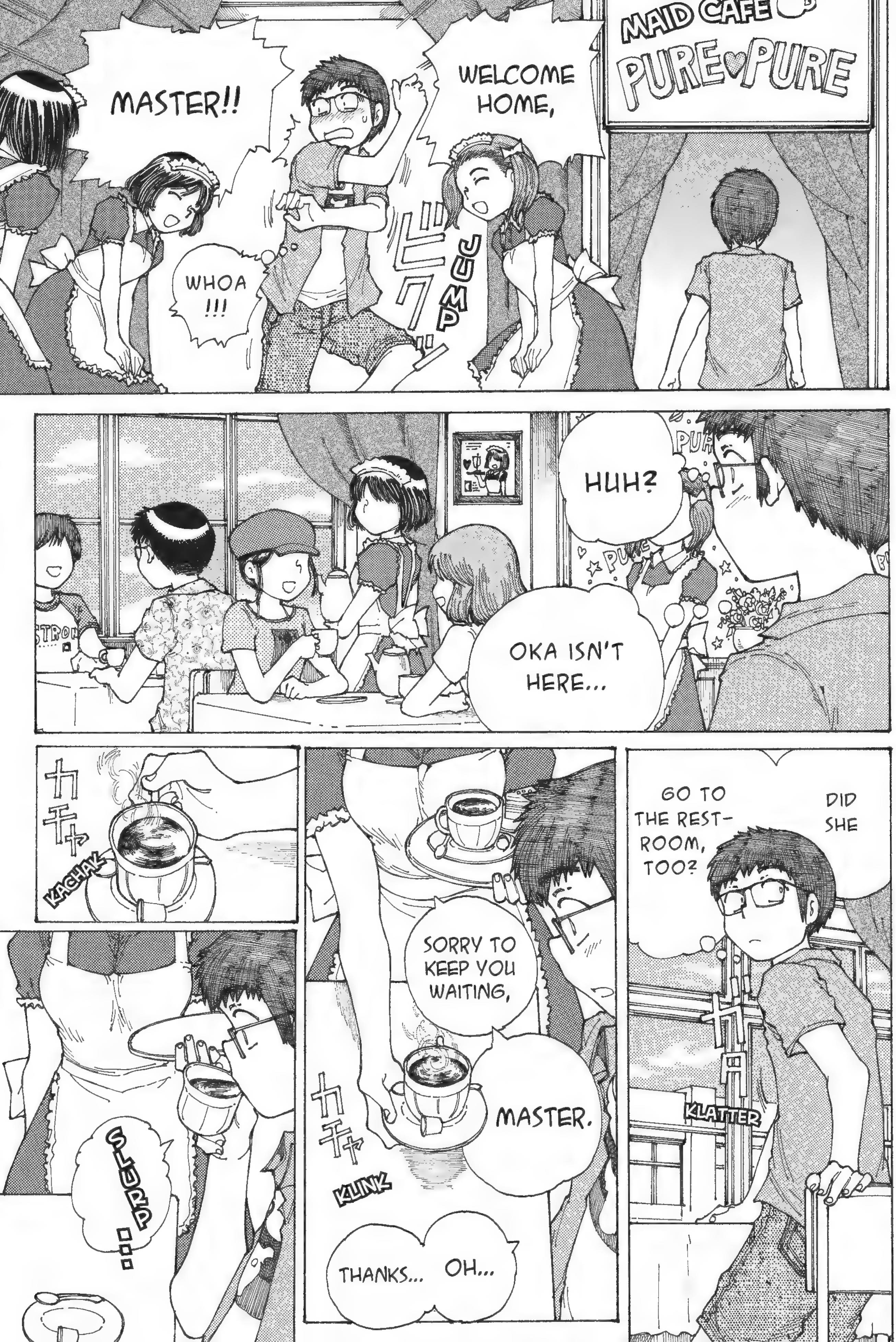

TSUBAKI,
THANK YOU FOR COMING TODAY!
H...
HA...
HAYA-KAWA...
TH-THAT OUTFIT...
YEP! IT'S MY
MIDDLE SCHOOL UNIFORM!
POLICE
PINK KUNG

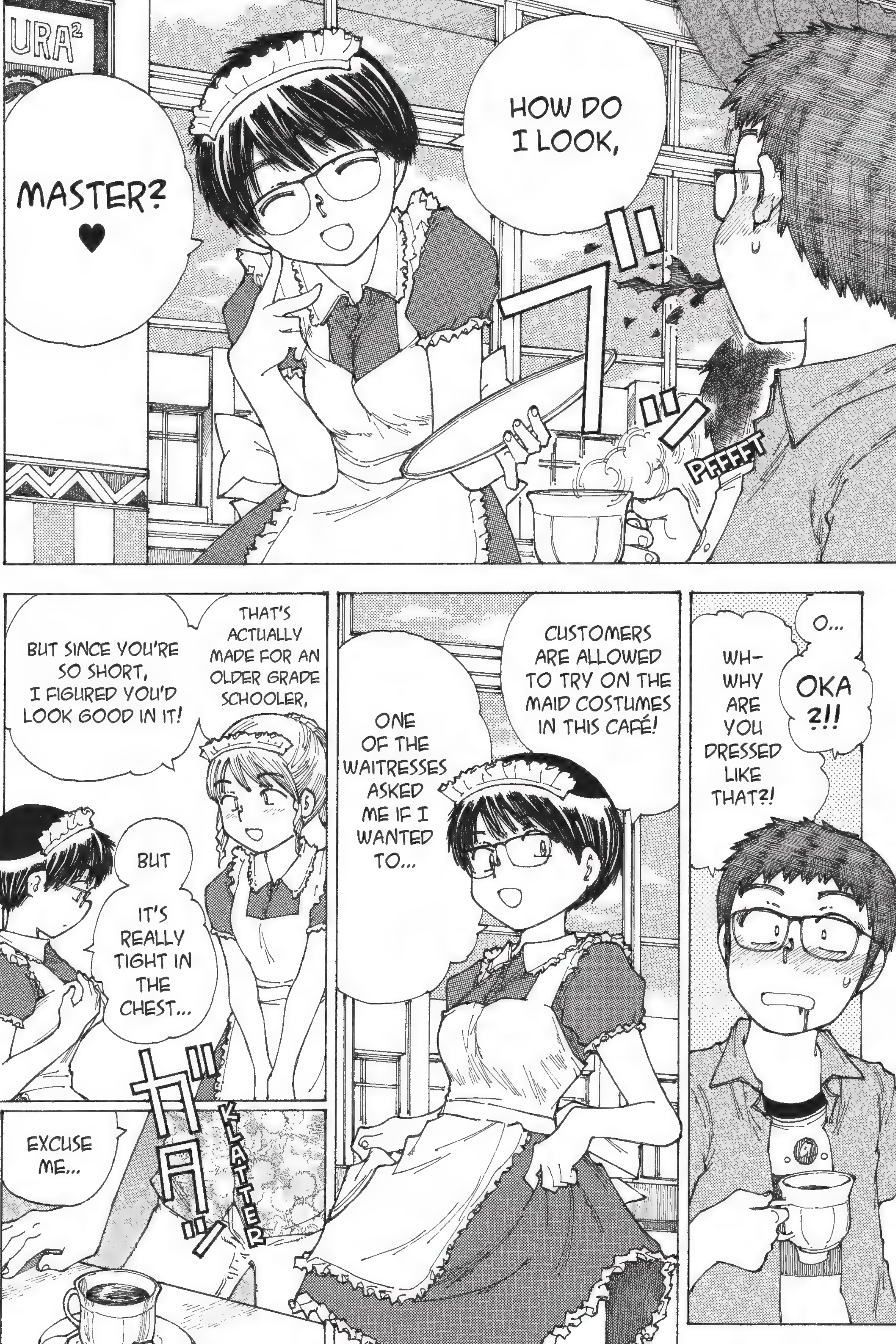

Welcome H
BON
HISTORY RESEARCH
NICE Z
OF COURSE, THE HAIR
IS A WIG, THOUGH.
I WASN'T SURE WHAT COSTUME TO WEAR,
BUT SINCE I KNEW YOU'D BE HERE,
I THOUGHT THIS WOULD BE BEST.
BUT IT DOESN'T FEEL STRANGE AT ALL.
DON'T I LOOK
LIKE I'M BACK IN MIDDLE SCHOOL?
Y...
YEAH...
YOU'RE RIGHT...
YOU LOOK JUST THE WAY YOU USED TO...
BADUM
BADUM
COME ON,
LET'S GO!
HOSHINO
I'LL SHOW YOU AROUND!

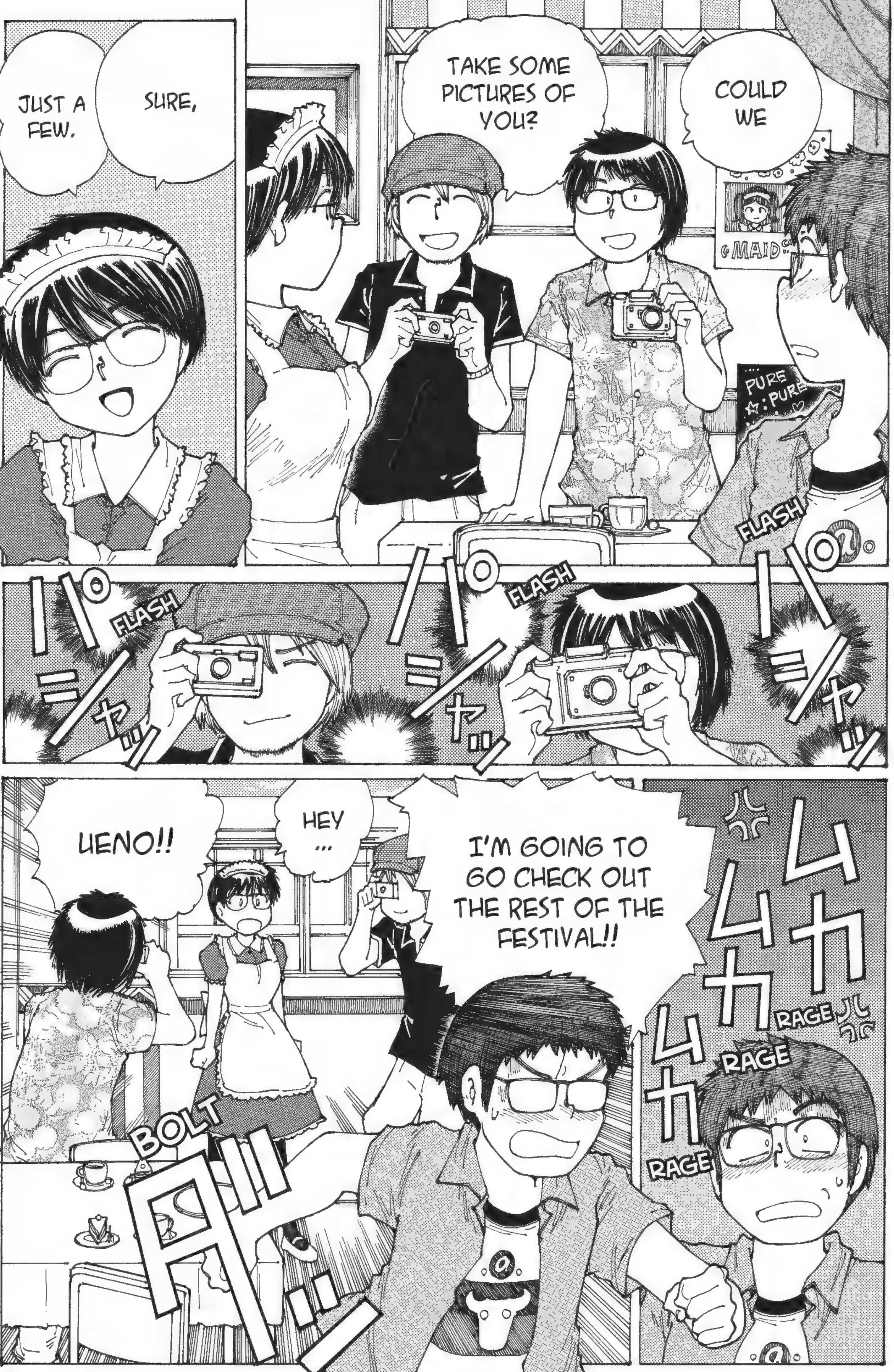

TWANG
ドーンドーン
BOOM BOOM
御用
TWANG
TWANG
ベーンベーンベーン
TWANG
TWANG
パラパー
TA TOOT
TOOT
南無
KLIK
THAT'S SO COOL!
THE GIRL IN FRONT HAS A SHAMISEN INSTEAD OF A GUITAR!
YEAH!
LAUGH! RAKUGO COMEDY
MISS TESUKO ♥
LIT CLUB DEBATES BL!
CALLI-GRAPHY
OH!
UENO, LOOK!
KABUKI

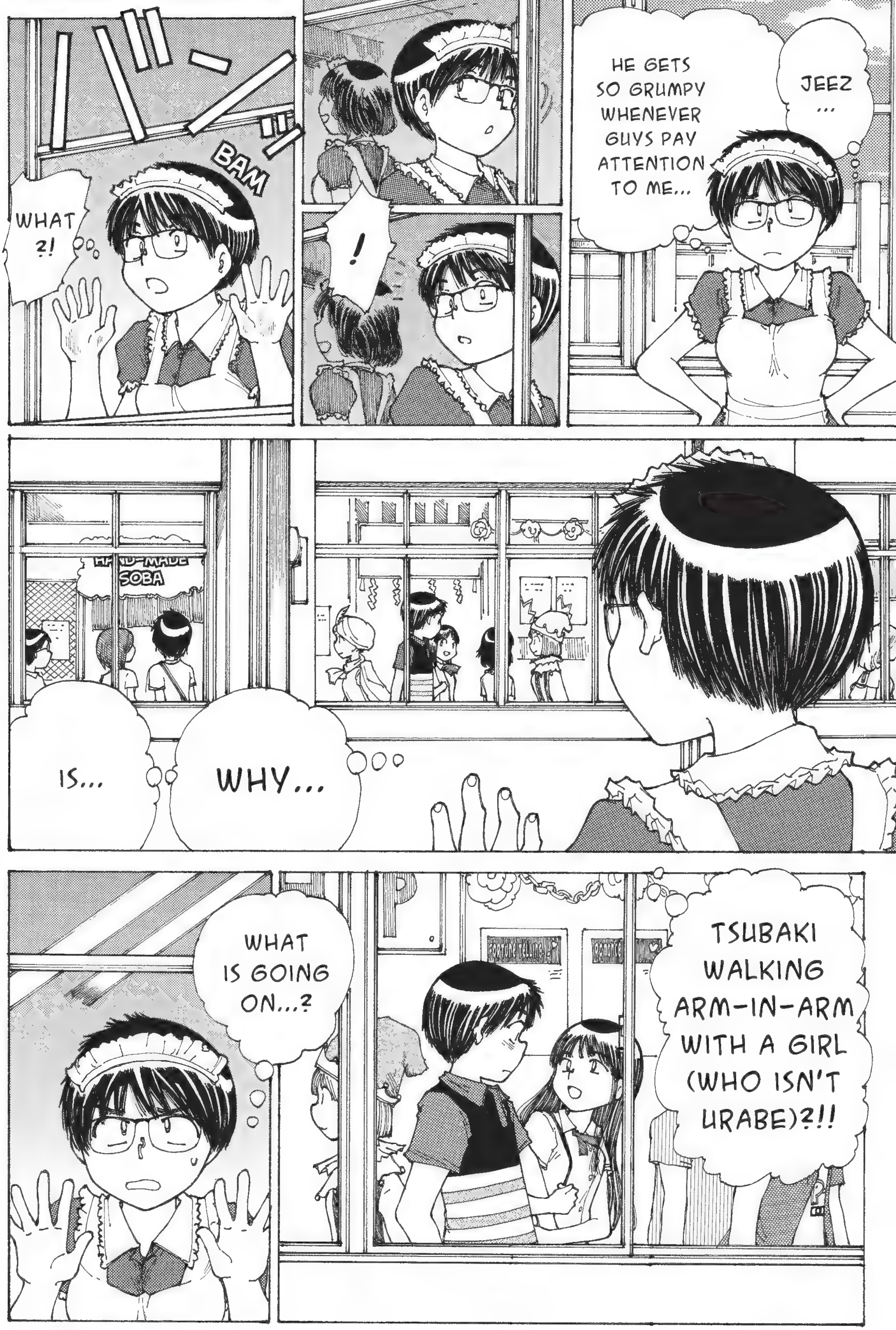

A MAID CAFÉ!
LET'S GO IN! ♥
MAID CAFE PURE♥PURE
WELCOME HOME, ♡ MASTER
MAID
Welcome Home!
ASTRONOMY
SCIENCE
HUH?!
I'M NOT INTO CRAZY STUFF LIKE THAT...
WHAT?
COME ON, THERE ARE ALWAYS MAIDS AT CULTURE FESTIVALS.
PLAY
ANYWAY,
I WANT TO GO IN!
COME ON, LET'S GO!
MUS
SONG PLAZA
TUG
WHOA!
OKAY, I'LL GO...
I'M GOING TO THE RESTROOM.
CAN YOU GO ON IN AND ORDER WHATEVER FOR ME?
OH,
OKAY.
MAID CAFE PURE♥PURE
Welcome Home! My Master ♥

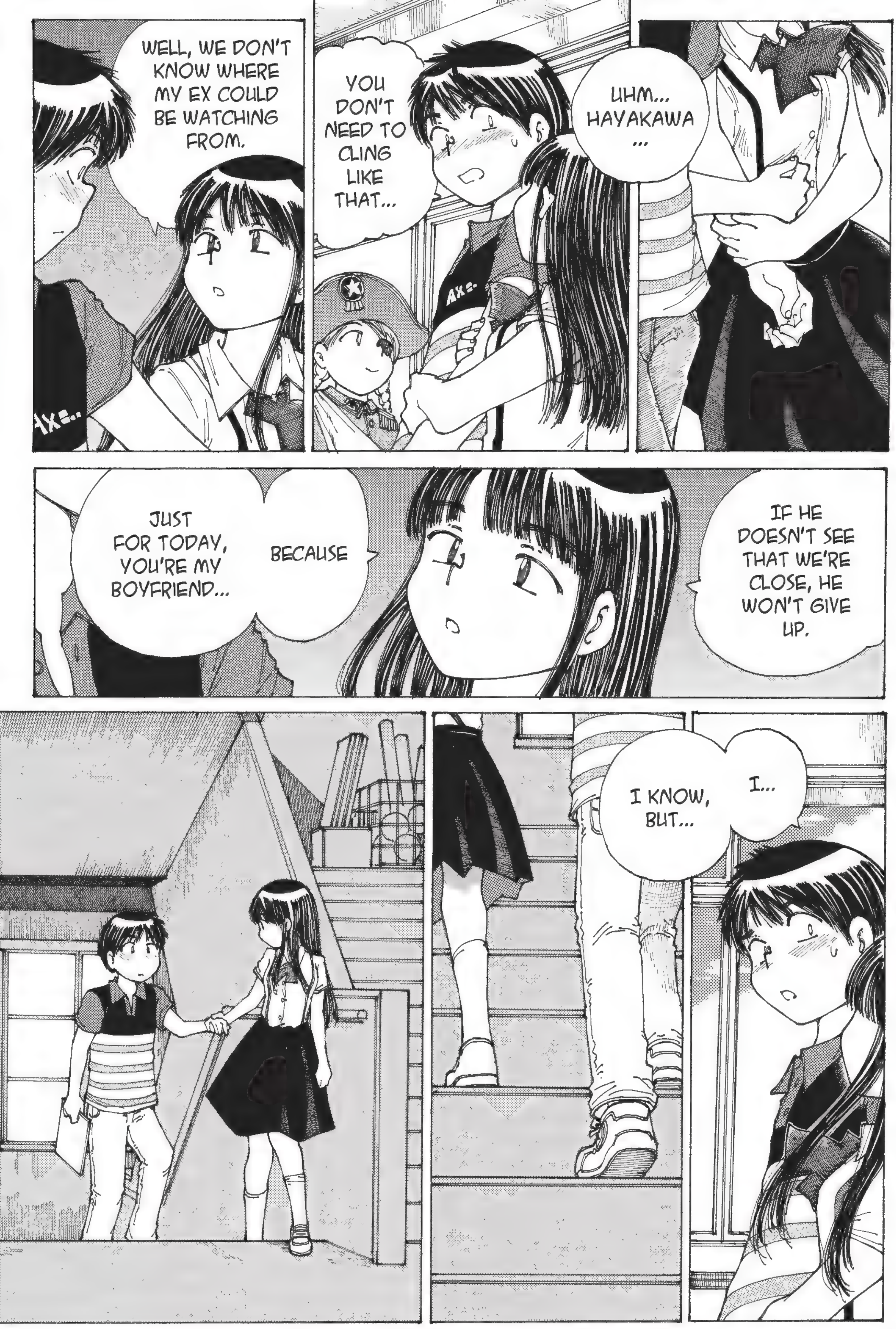

BAM
WELCOME HOME,
MILADY!!
NOISE
WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO ORDER?
I'LL HAVE... HMM,
MENU
TWO COFFEES AND TWO PIECES OF CAKE!
...
UHM...
HM?
YES?
IF YOU'D LIKE...

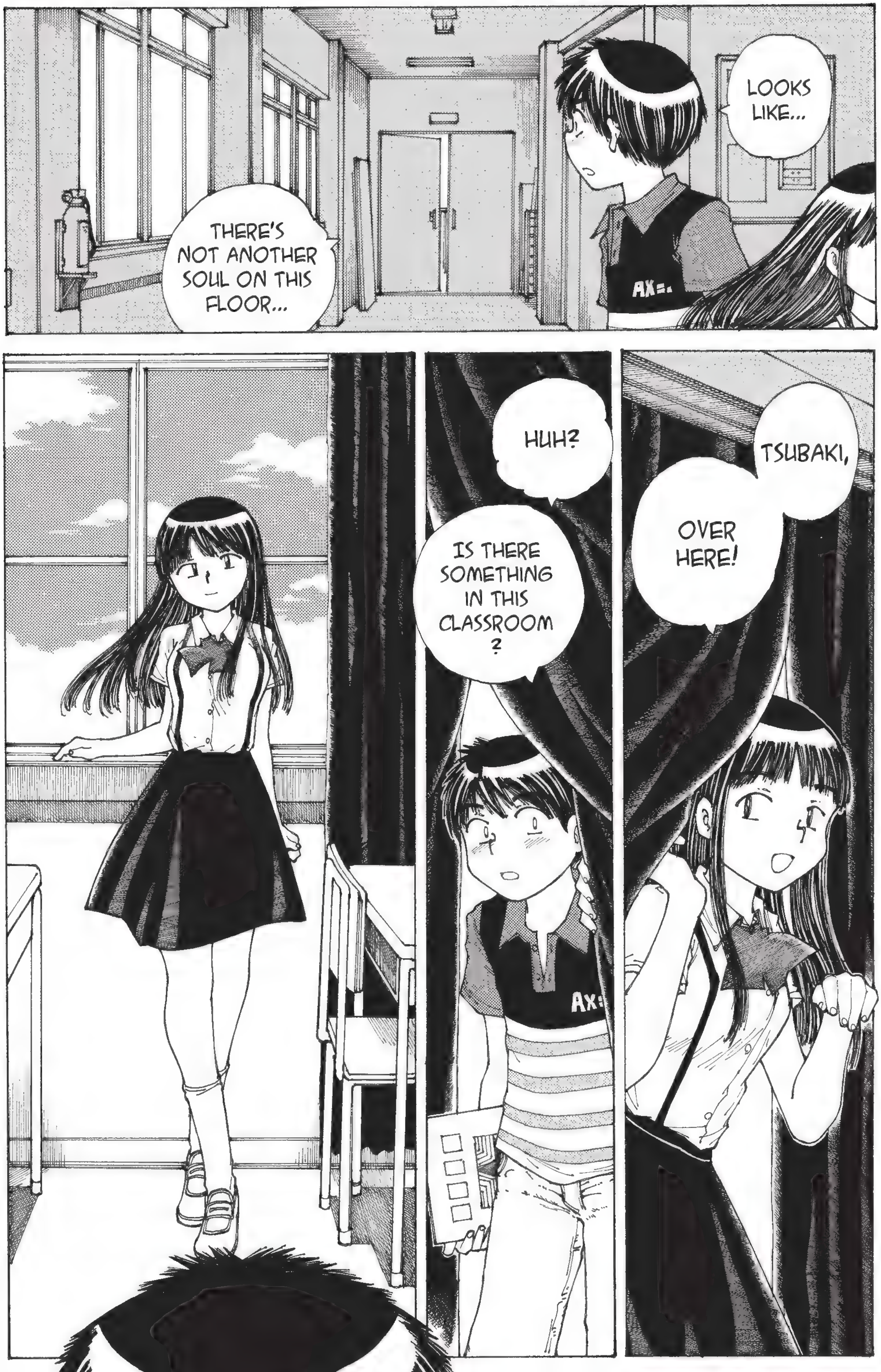

MAID CAFE
PURE♥PURE
WELCOME HOME,
MASTER!!
ビクッ
JUMP
WHOA!!!
PURE
HUH?
OKA ISN'T HERE...
DID SHE GO TO THE REST-ROOM, TOO?
ガタ
KLATTER
SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING,
MASTER.
カチャ
KLINK
THANKS... OH...
カチャ
KACHAK
SLURP...

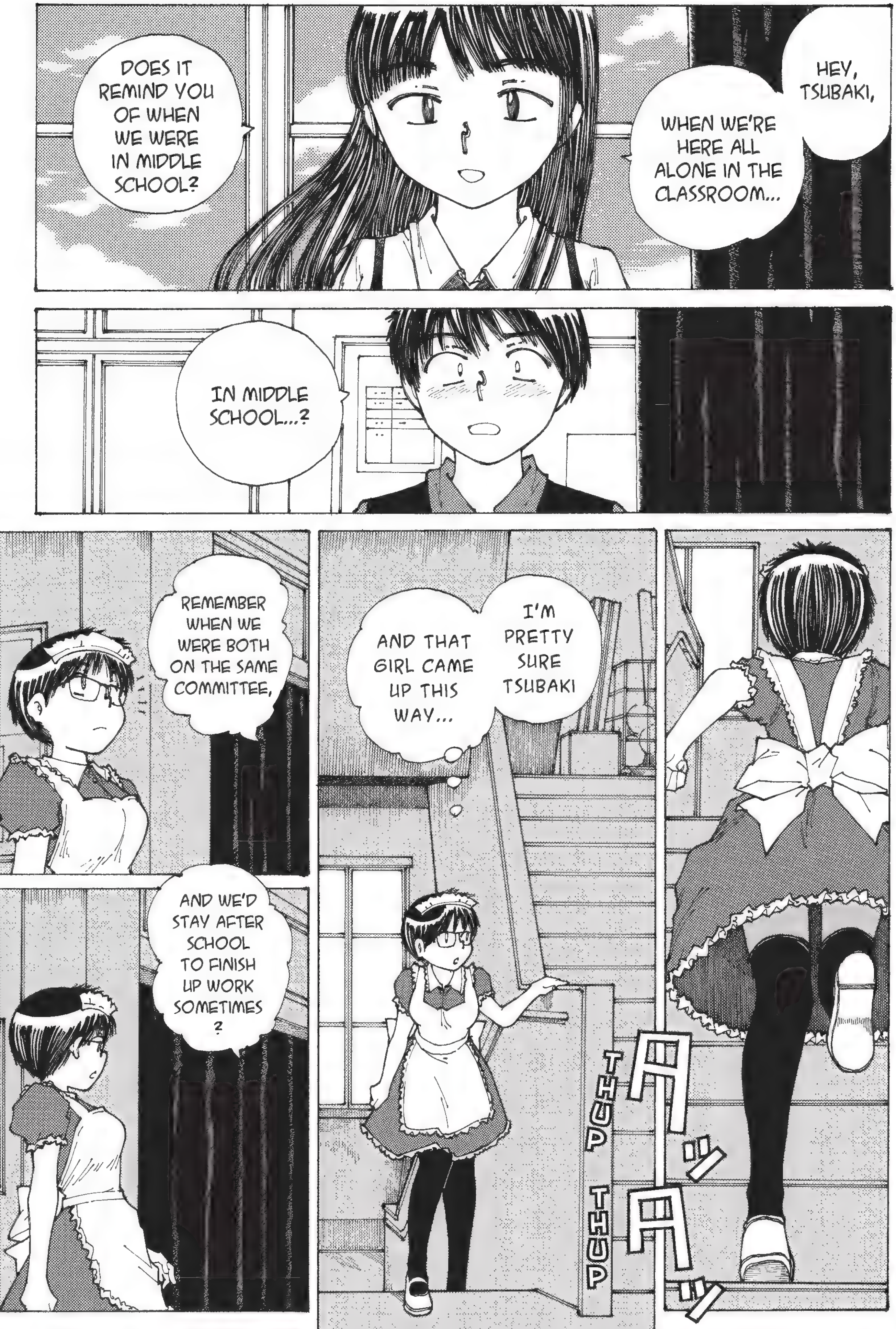

URA²
HOW DO I LOOK,
MASTER? ♥
ブッ
PFFFT
O... OKA?!!
WH- WHY ARE YOU DRESSED LIKE THAT?!
CUSTOMERS ARE ALLOWED TO TRY ON THE MAID COSTUMES IN THIS CAFÉ!
ONE OF THE WAITRESSES ASKED ME IF I WANTED TO...
THAT'S ACTUALLY MADE FOR AN OLDER GRADE SCHOOLER,
BUT SINCE YOU'RE SO SHORT, I FIGURED YOU'D LOOK GOOD IN IT!
BUT IT'S REALLY TIGHT IN THE CHEST...
ガタッ
KLATTER
EXCUSE ME...

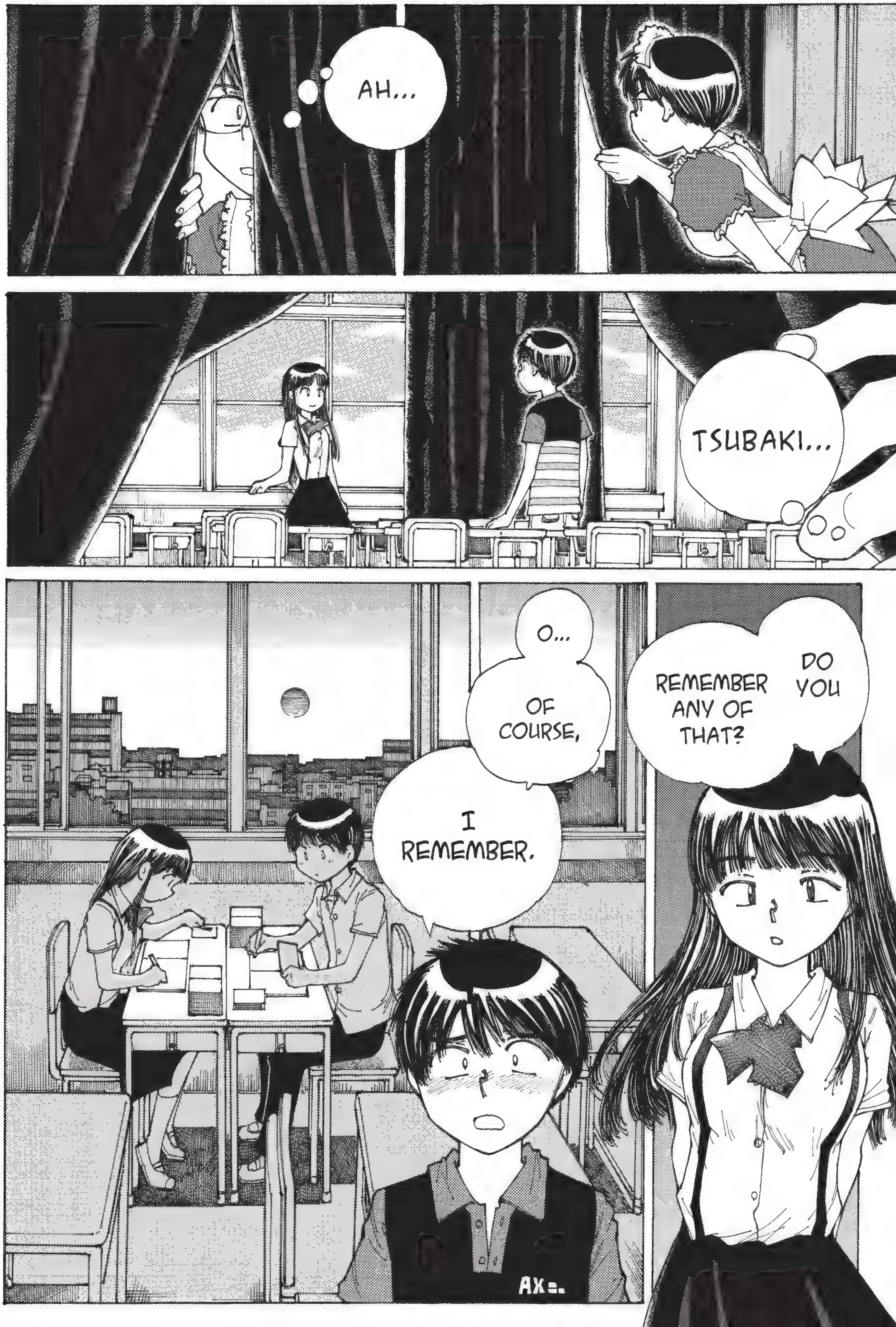

COULD WE
TAKE SOME PICTURES OF YOU?
MAID
PURE ☆ PURE ♡
FLASH
SURE,
JUST A FEW.
パシャッ
FLASH
パシャッ
FLASH
パシャッ
FLASH
ムカムカムカ
RAGE
RAGE
RAGE
I'M GOING TO GO CHECK OUT THE REST OF THE FESTIVAL!!
HEY ...
UENO!!
ダッ
BOLT

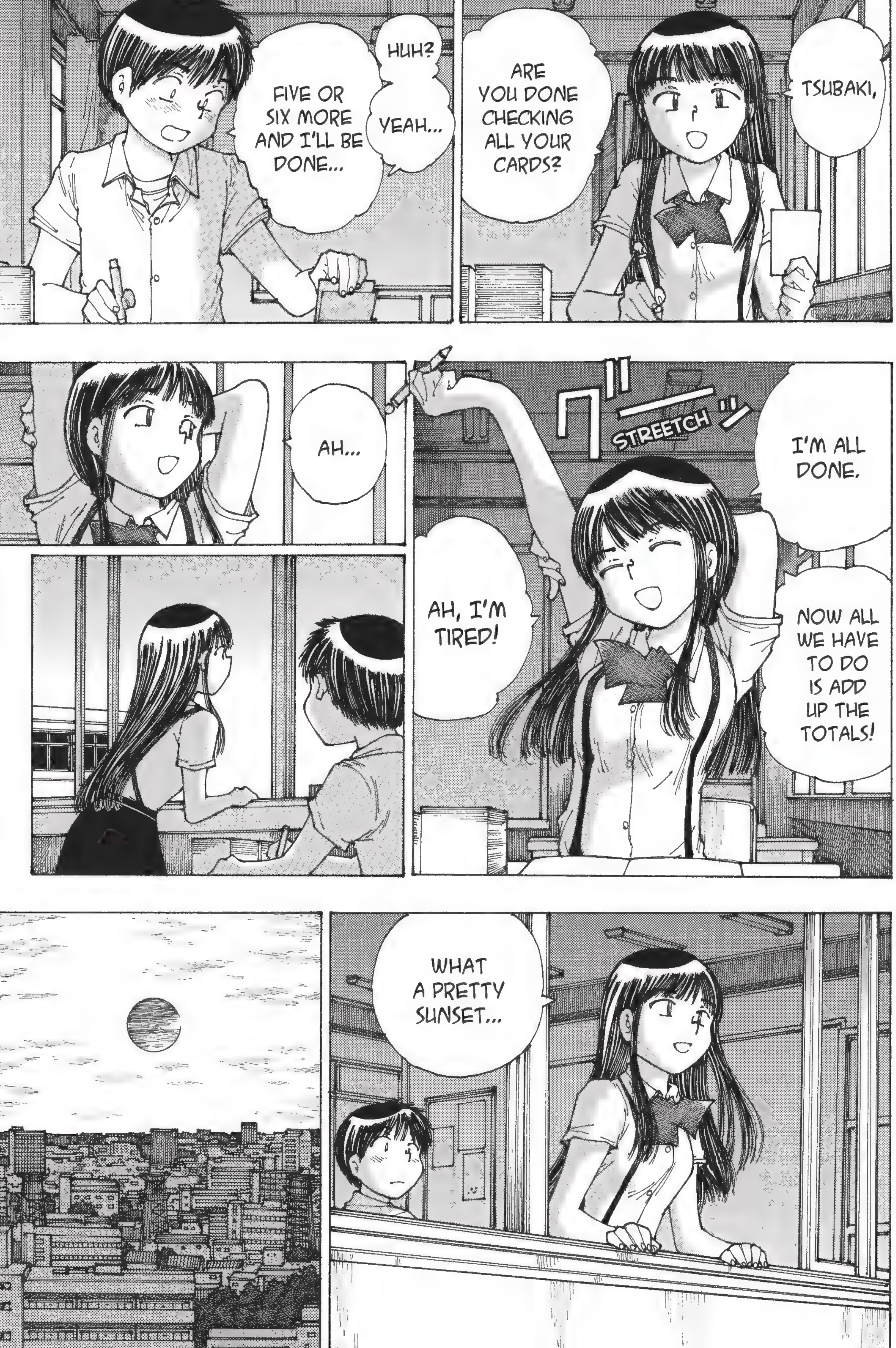

JEEZ...
HE GETS SO GRUMPY WHENEVER GUYS PAY ATTENTION TO ME...
!
BAM
WHAT?!
HAND-MADE SOBA
WHY...
IS...
TSUBAKI WALKING ARM-IN-ARM WITH A GIRL (WHO ISN'T URABE)?!!
WHAT IS GOING ON...?

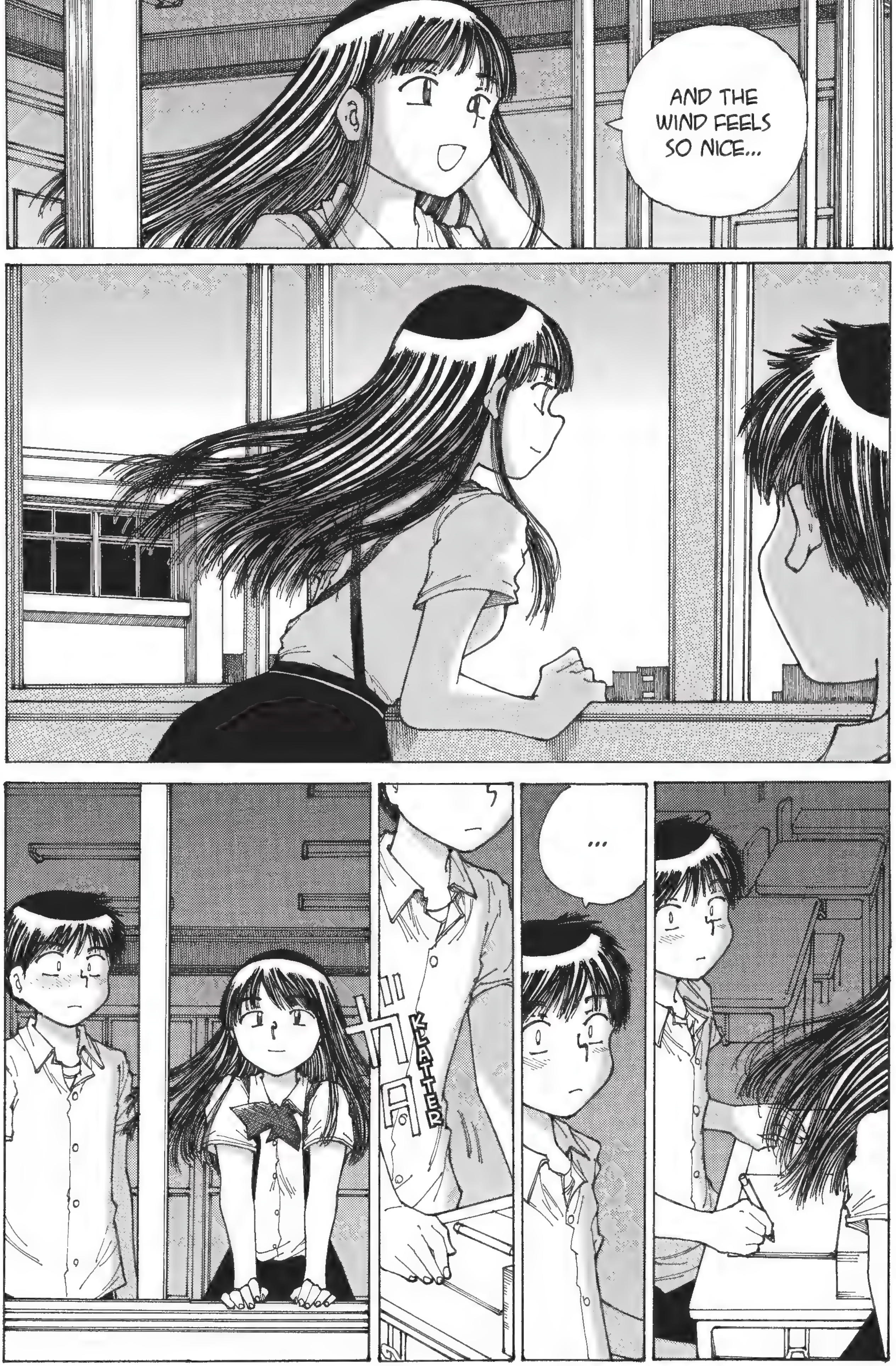

UHM... HAYAKAWA ...
YOU DON'T NEED TO CLING LIKE THAT...
WELL, WE DON'T KNOW WHERE MY EX COULD BE WATCHING FROM.
IF HE DOESN'T SEE THAT WE'RE CLOSE, HE WON'T GIVE UP.
BECAUSE
JUST FOR TODAY, YOU'RE MY BOYFRIEND...
AX...
I...
I KNOW, BUT...

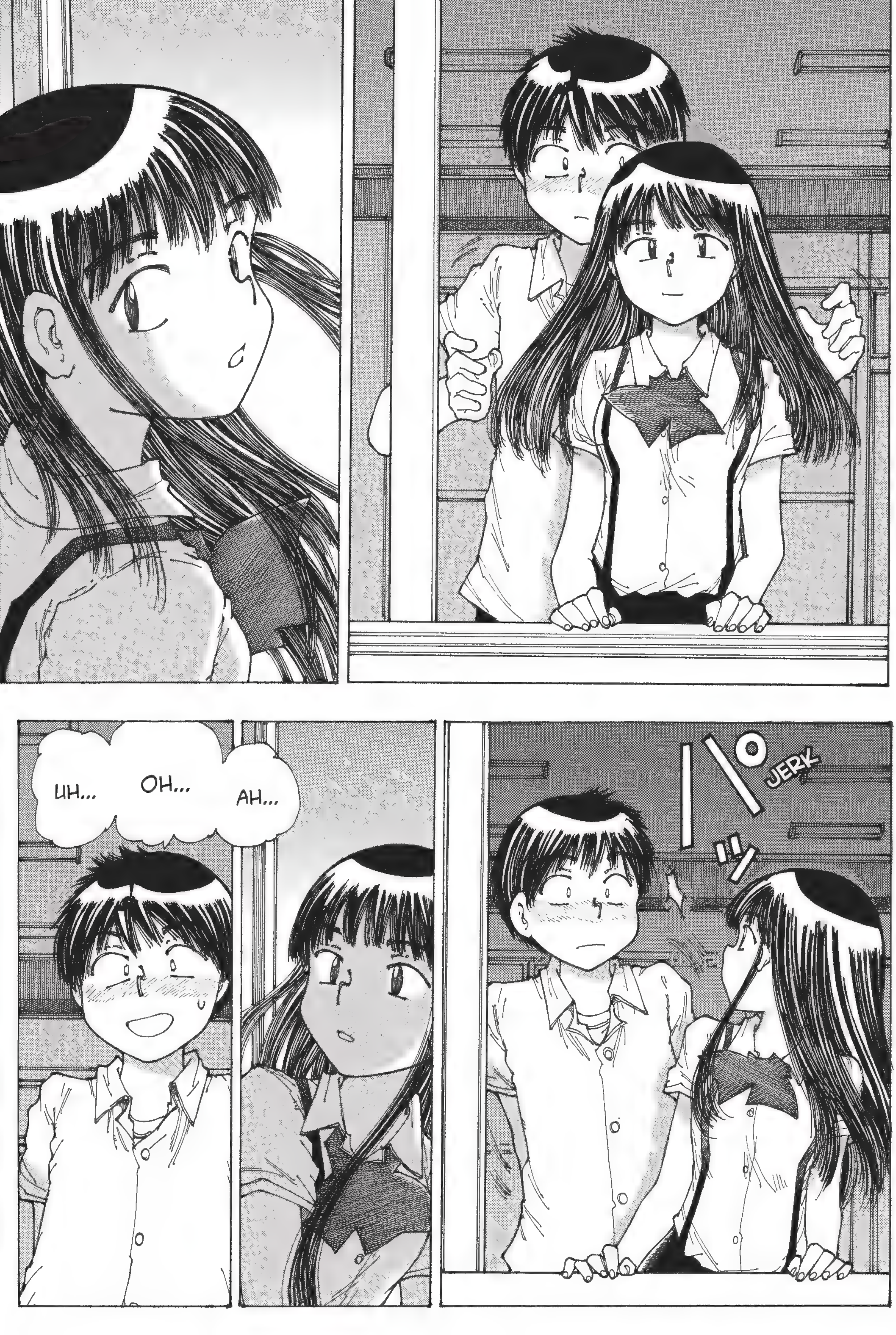

LOOKS LIKE...
THERE'S NOT ANOTHER SOUL ON THIS FLOOR...
TSUBAKI,
OVER HERE!
HUH?
IS THERE SOMETHING IN THIS CLASSROOM?

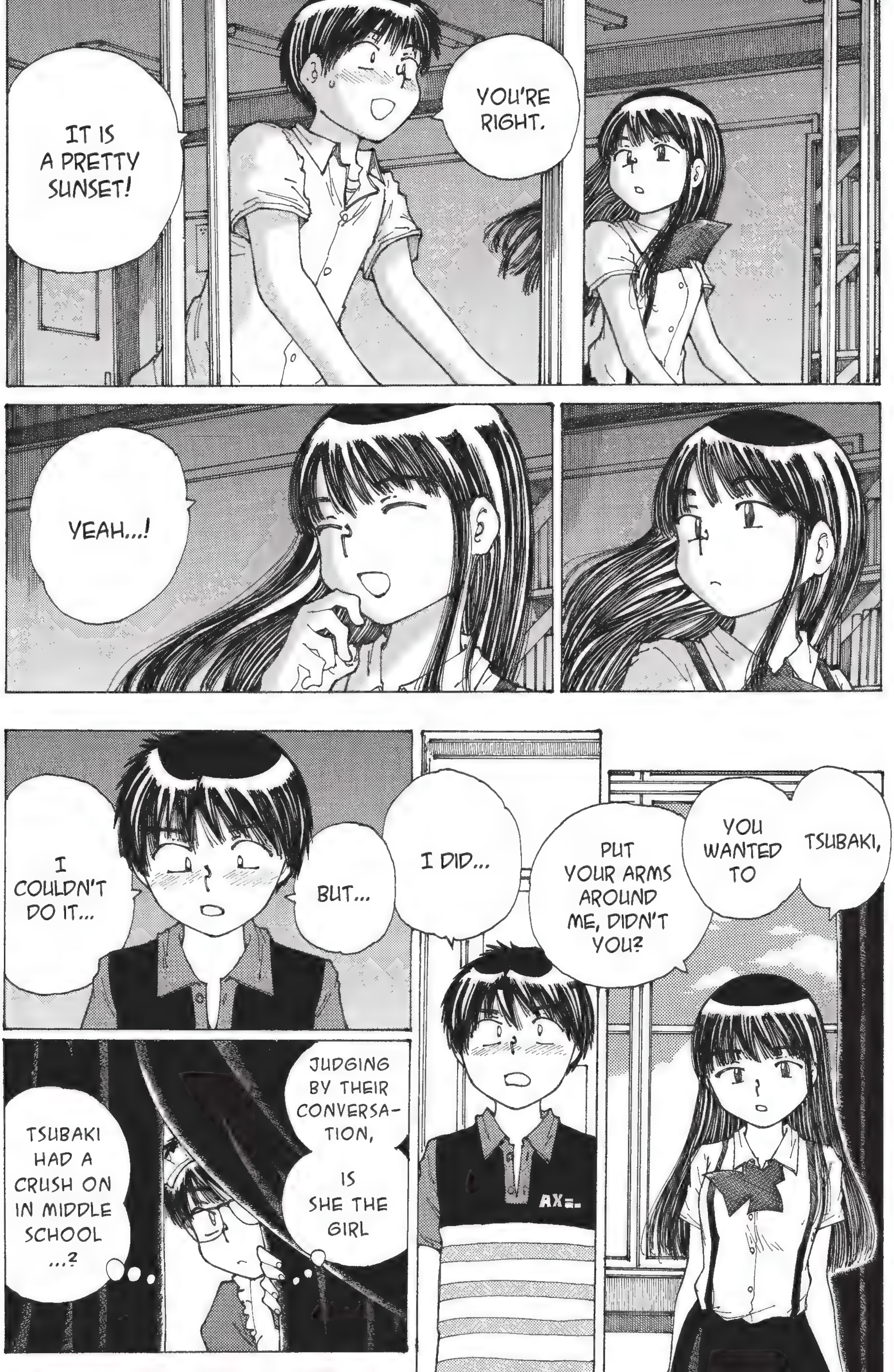

HEY, TSUBAKI,
WHEN WE'RE HERE ALL ALONE IN THE CLASSROOM...
DOES IT REMIND YOU OF WHEN WE WERE IN MIDDLE SCHOOL?
IN MIDDLE SCHOOL...?
タッ
THUP
タッ
THUP
I'M PRETTY SURE TSUBAKI
AND THAT GIRL CAME UP THIS WAY...
REMEMBER WHEN WE WERE BOTH ON THE SAME COMMITTEE,
AND WE'D STAY AFTER SCHOOL TO FINISH UP WORK SOMETIMES?

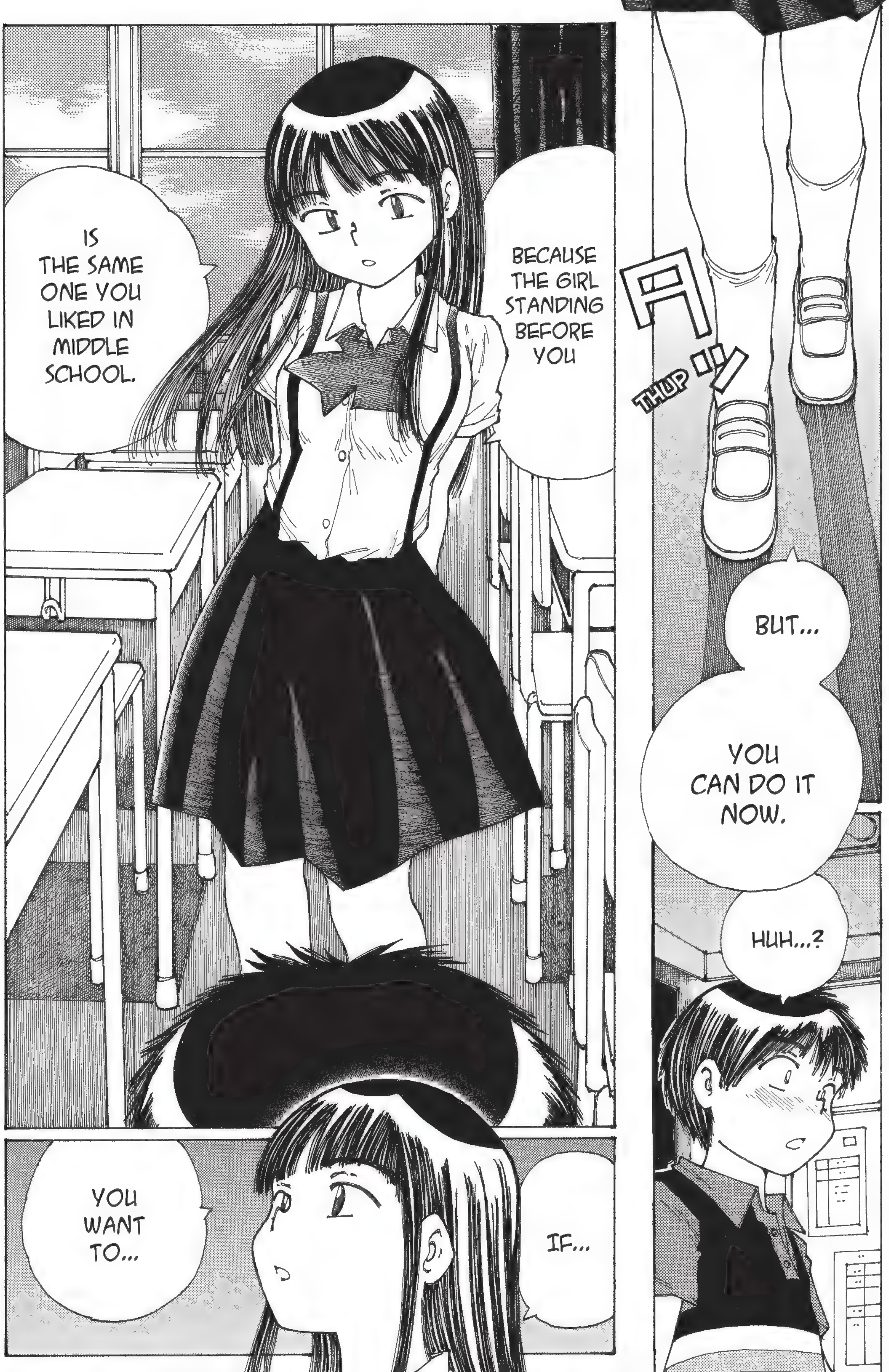

AH...
TSUBAKI...
DO YOU REMEMBER ANY OF THAT?
O... OF COURSE, I REMEMBER.
AX=.

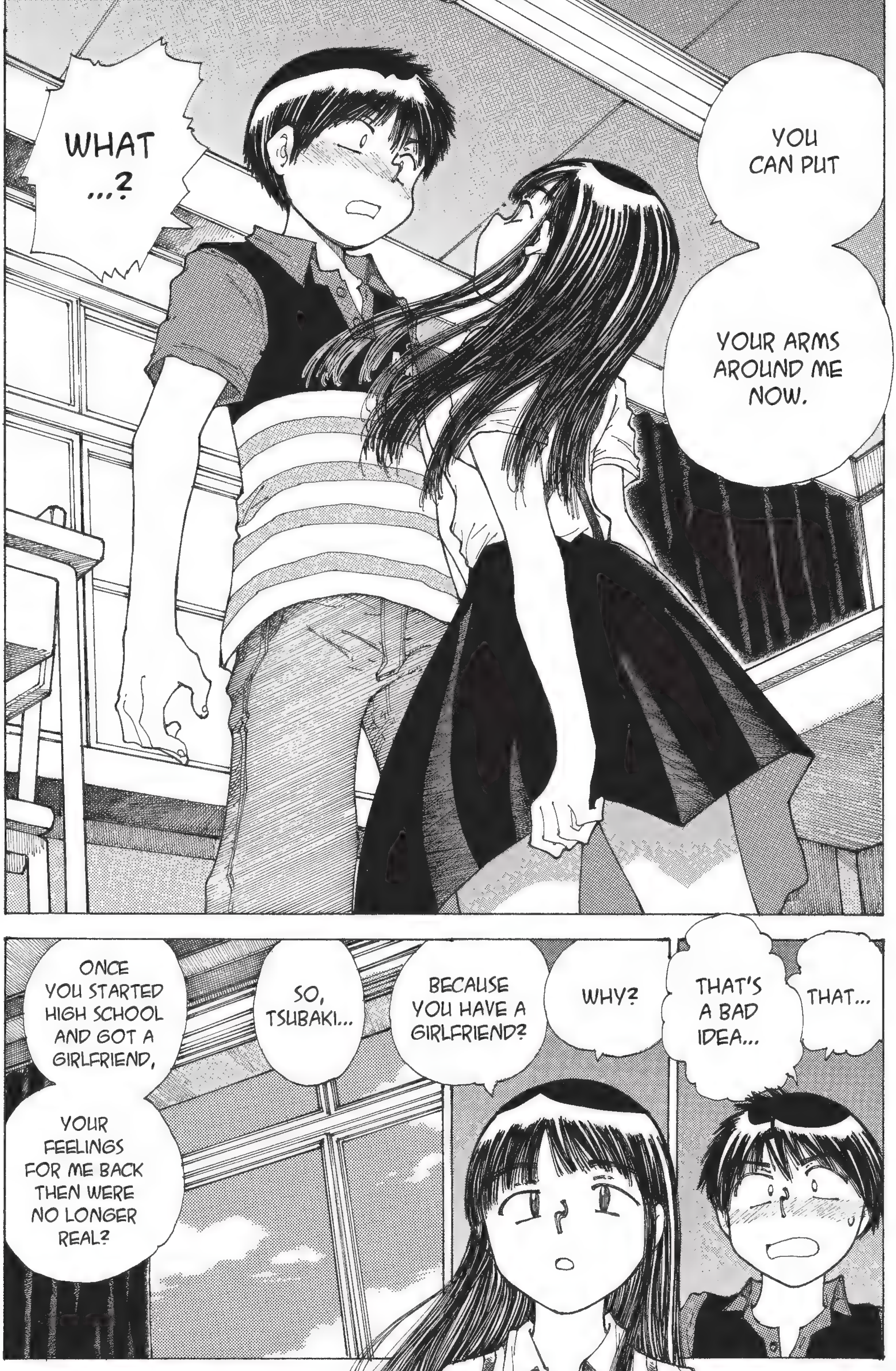

TSUBAKI,
ARE YOU DONE CHECKING ALL YOUR CARDS?
HUH?
YEAH...
FIVE OR SIX MORE AND I'LL BE DONE...
STREETCH
I'M ALL DONE.
NOW ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS ADD UP THE TOTALS!
AH, I'M TIRED!
AH...
WHAT A PRETTY SUNSET...

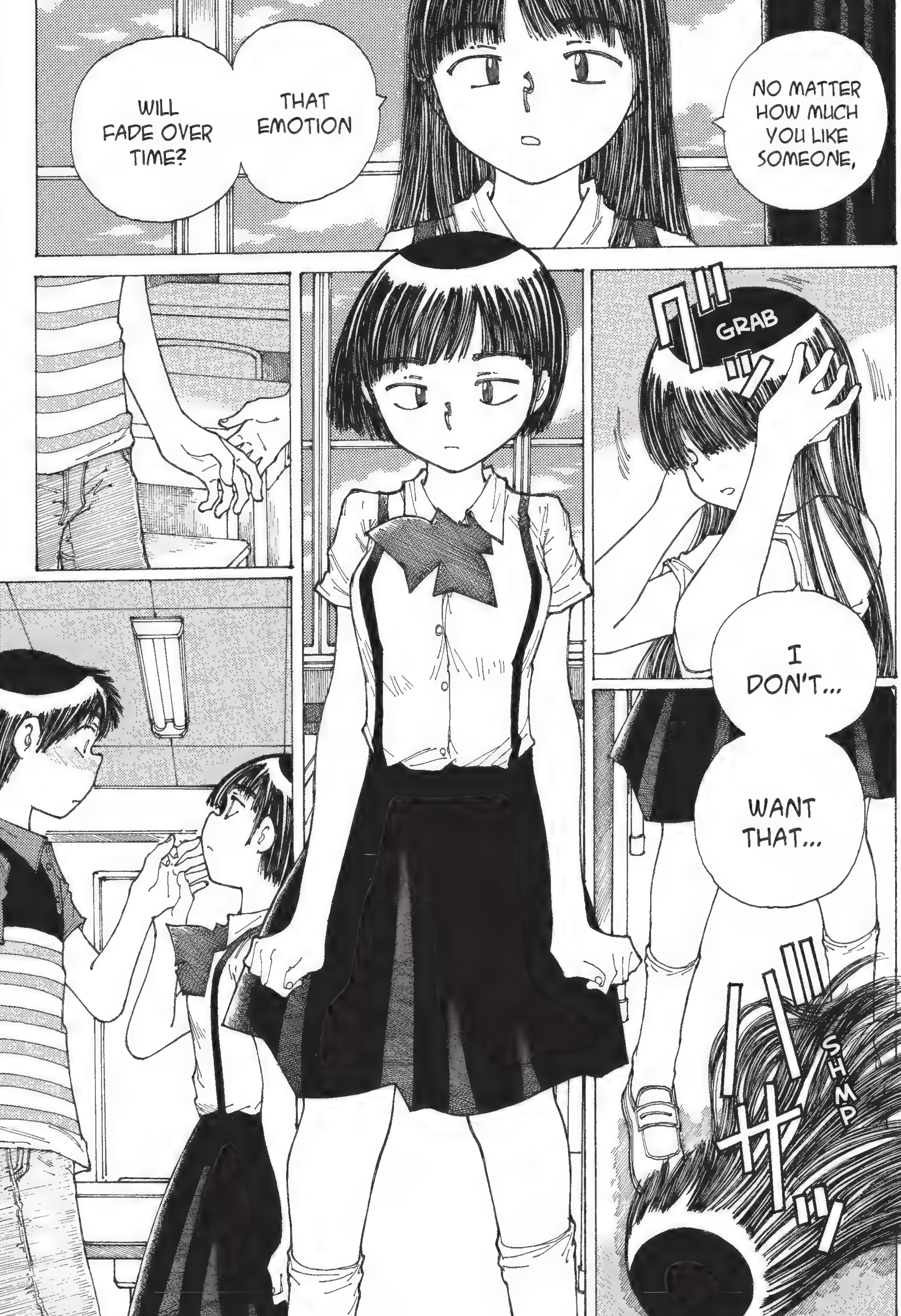

AND THE WIND FEELS SO NICE...
KLATTER
...

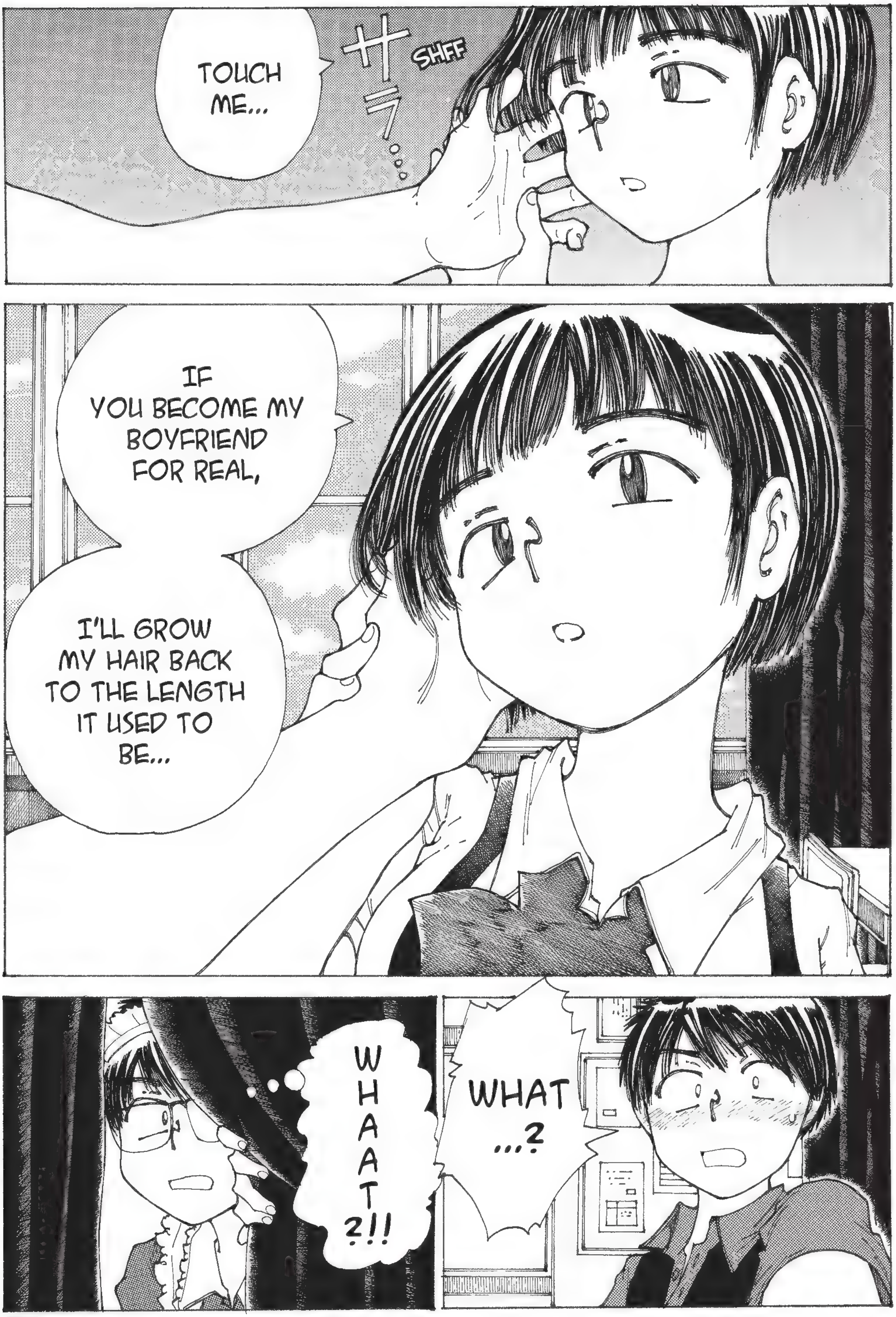

JERK
UH... OH... AH...


YOU'RE RIGHT.
IT IS A PRETTY SUNSET!
YEAH...!
TSUBAKI,
YOU WANTED TO
PUT YOUR ARMS AROUND ME, DIDN'T YOU?
I DID...
BUT...
I COULDN'T DO IT...
JUDGING BY THEIR CONVERSATION,
IS SHE THE GIRL
TSUBAKI HAD A CRUSH ON IN MIDDLE SCHOOL ...?
AX=.


BECAUSE THE GIRL STANDING BEFORE YOU
IS THE SAME ONE YOU LIKED IN MIDDLE SCHOOL.
IF...
YOU WANT TO...
THUP
BUT...
YOU CAN DO IT NOW.
HUH...?


YOU CAN PUT
YOUR ARMS AROUND ME NOW.
WHAT ...?
THAT...
THAT'S A BAD IDEA...
WHY?
BECAUSE YOU HAVE A GIRLFRIEND?
SO, TSUBAKI...
ONCE YOU STARTED HIGH SCHOOL AND GOT A GIRLFRIEND,
YOUR FEELINGS FOR ME BACK THEN WERE NO LONGER REAL?


NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU LIKE SOMEONE,
THAT EMOTION
WILL FADE OVER TIME?
グッ
GRAB
I DON'T...
WANT THAT...
バサッ
SHMP


TOUCH ME...
サラ…
SHFF
IF YOU BECOME MY BOYFRIEND FOR REAL,
I'LL GROW MY HAIR BACK TO THE LENGTH IT USED TO BE...
WHAT ...?
WHAAT ?!!

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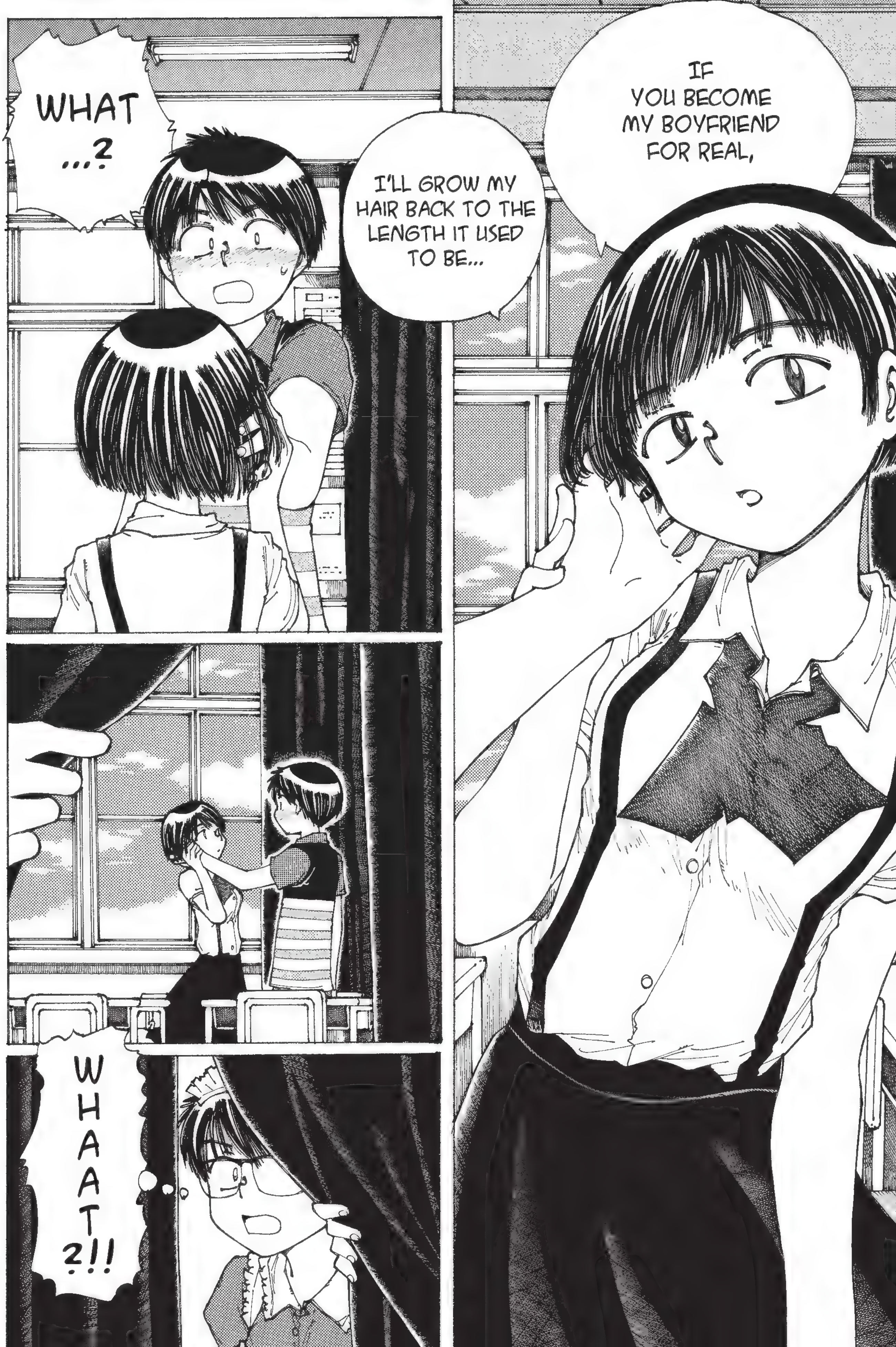
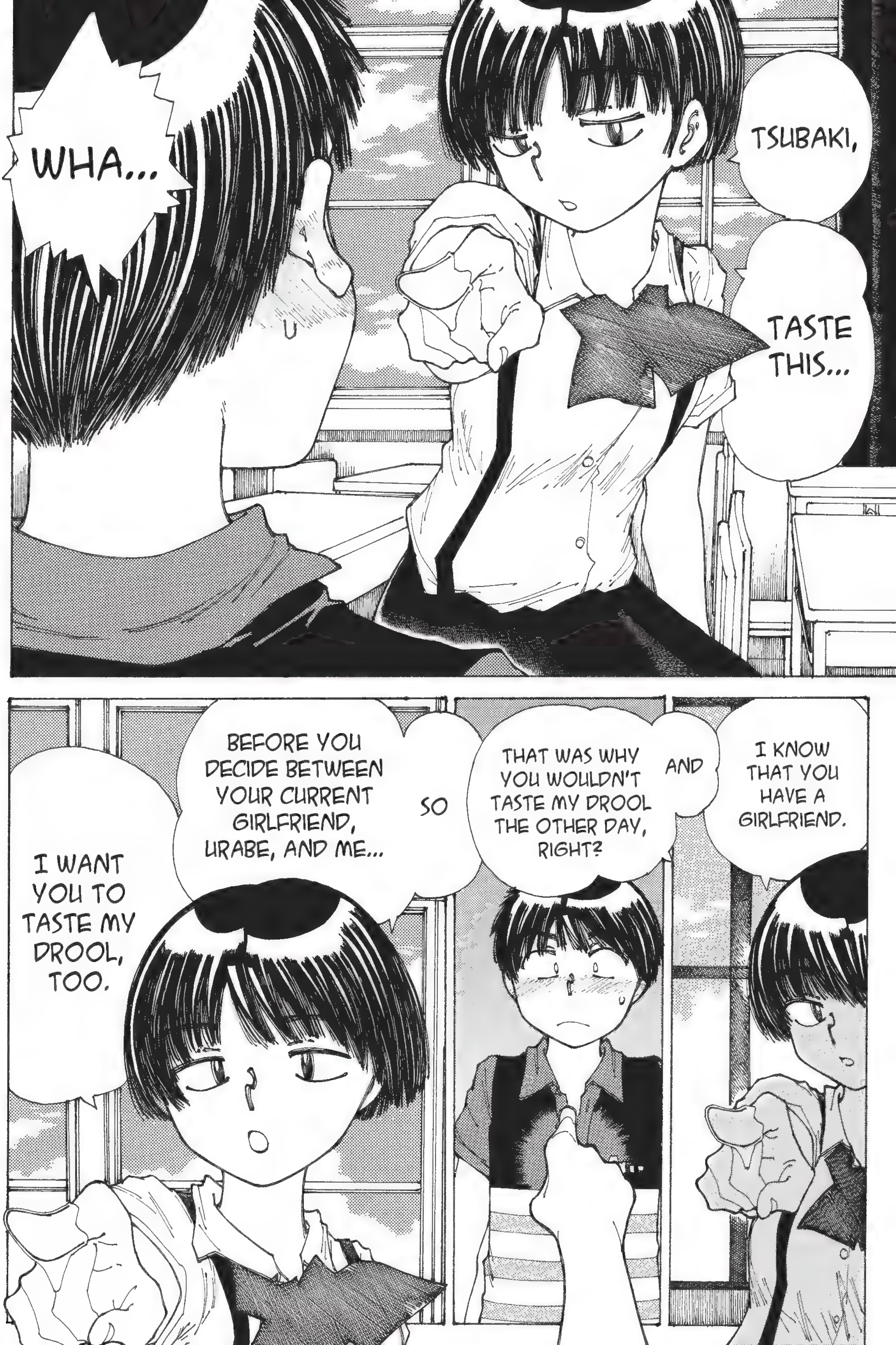
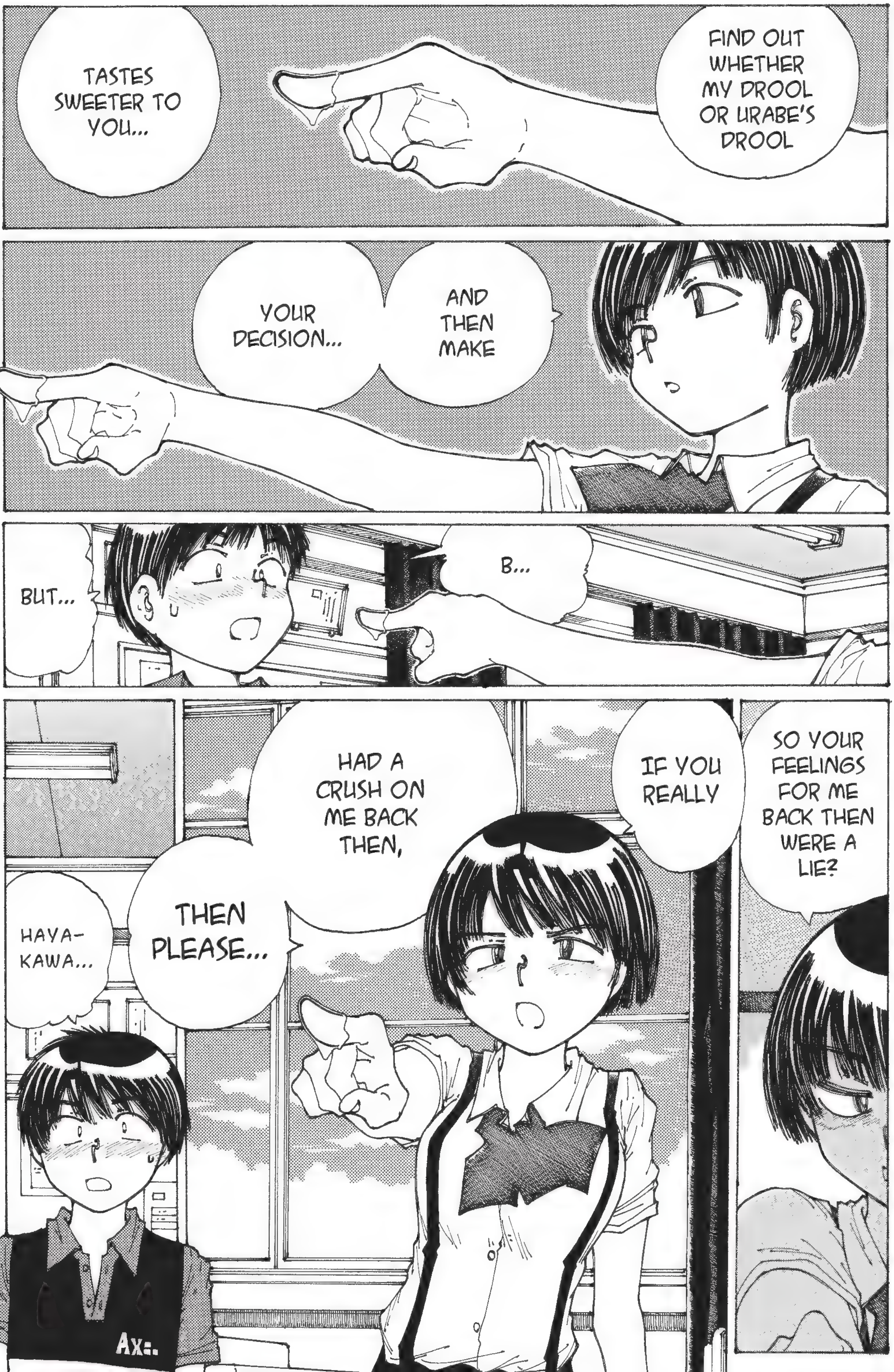
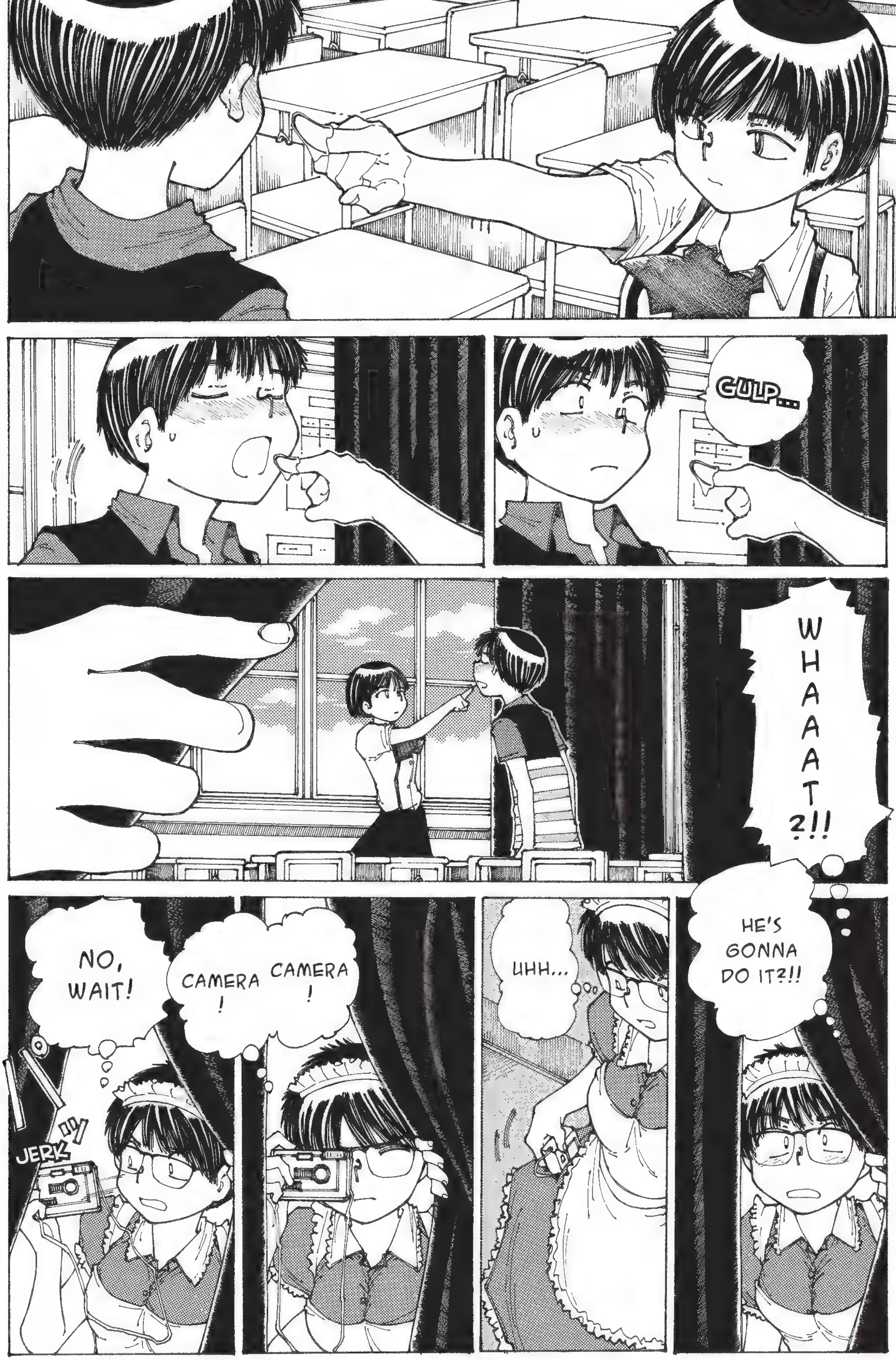
CHAPTER 32: MYSTERIOUS CULTURE FESTIVAL (PART 2)

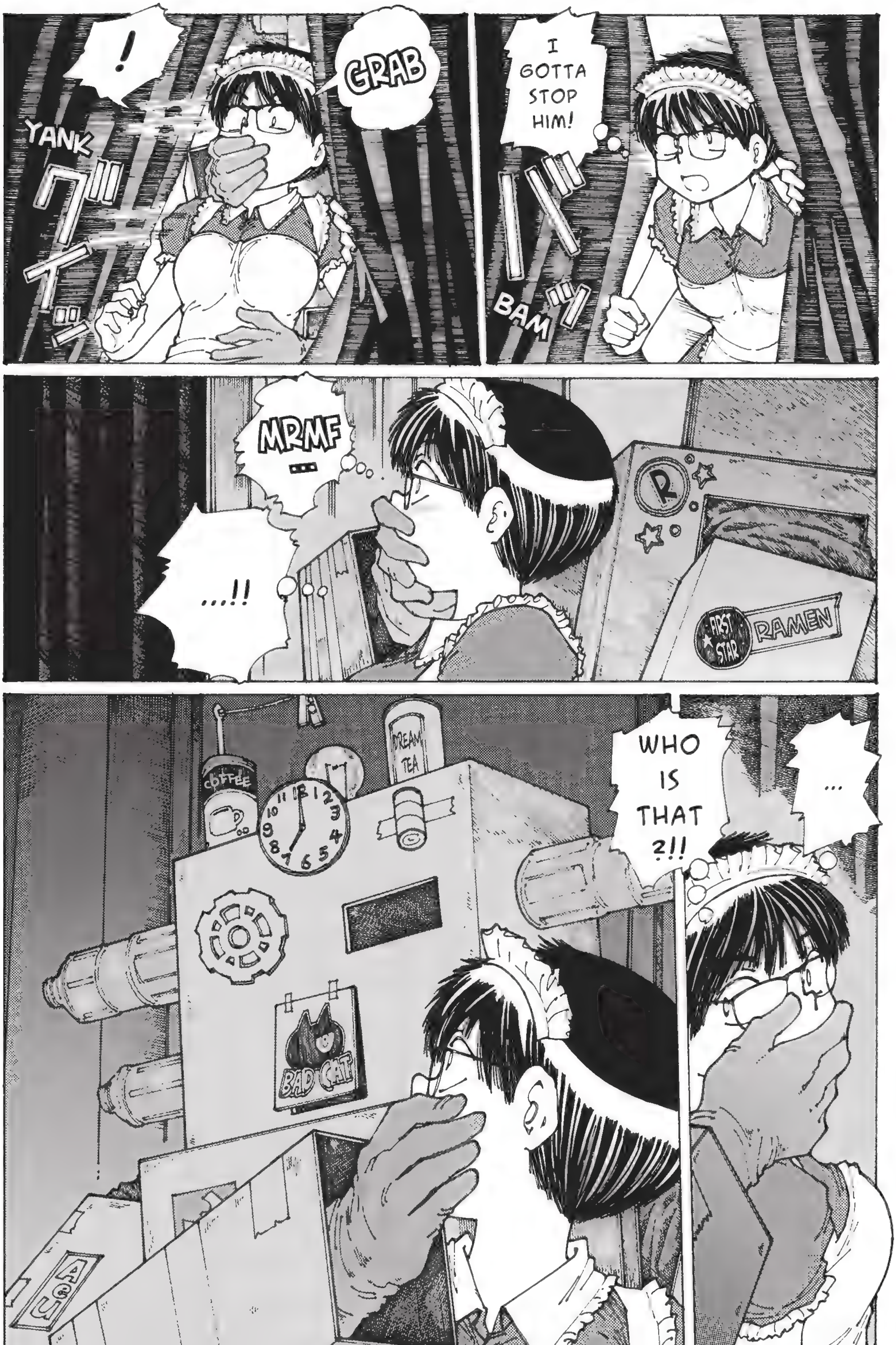

IF YOU BECOME MY BOYFRIEND FOR REAL,
I'LL GROW MY HAIR BACK TO THE LENGTH IT USED TO BE...
WHAT ...?
WHAAAT ?!!

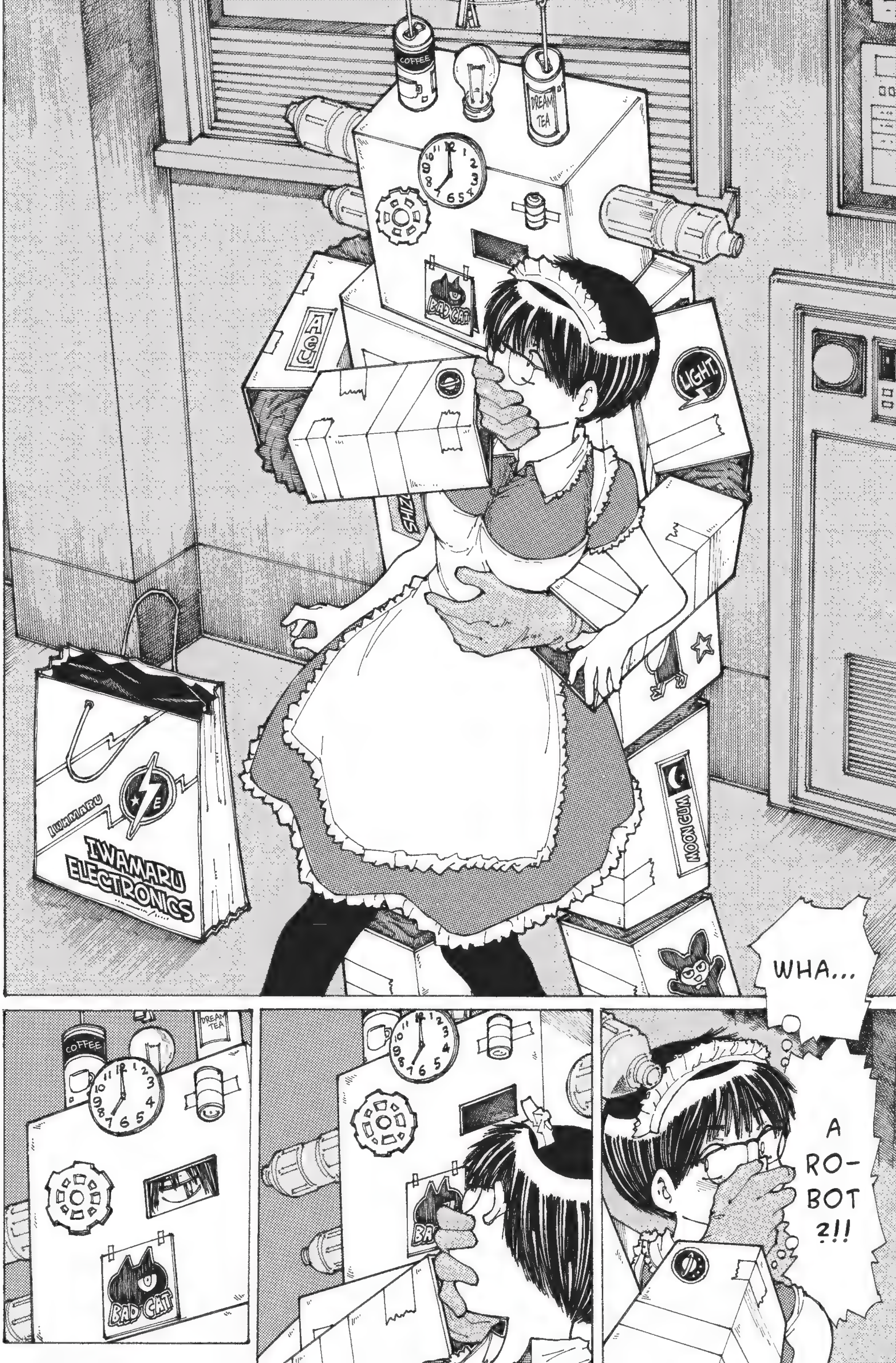
YOU'LL BE...
MY GIRLFRIEND ...?
コクッ
NOD
B... BUT I TOLD YOU...
I... HAVE A GIRLFRIEND ...
SLIP
SHLP

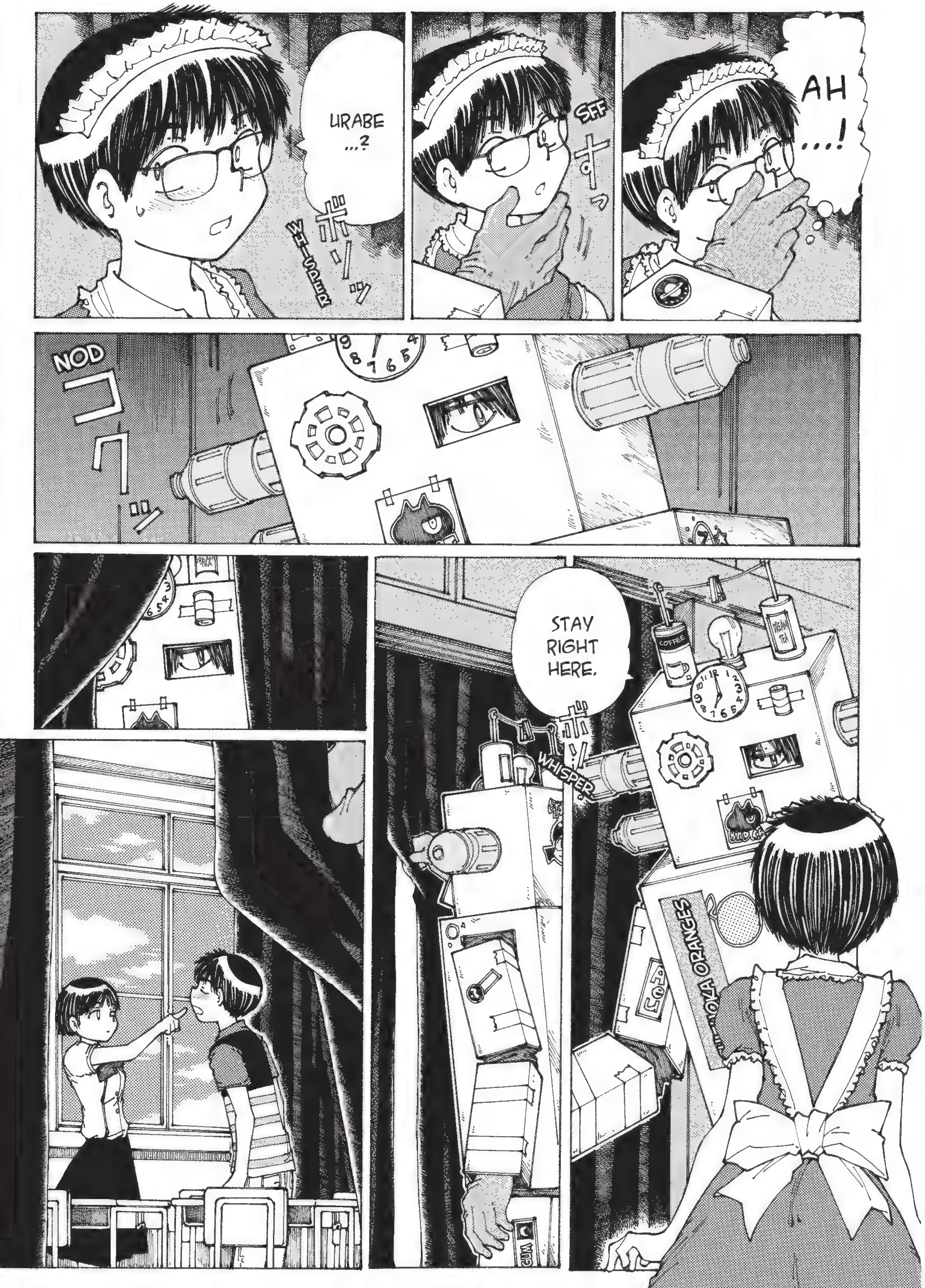

TSUBAKI,
TASTE THIS...
WHA...
I KNOW THAT YOU HAVE A GIRLFRIEND.
AND
THAT WAS WHY YOU WOULDN'T TASTE MY DROOL THE OTHER DAY, RIGHT?
SO
BEFORE YOU DECIDE BETWEEN YOUR CURRENT GIRLFRIEND, URABE, AND ME...
I WANT YOU TO TASTE MY DROOL, TOO.

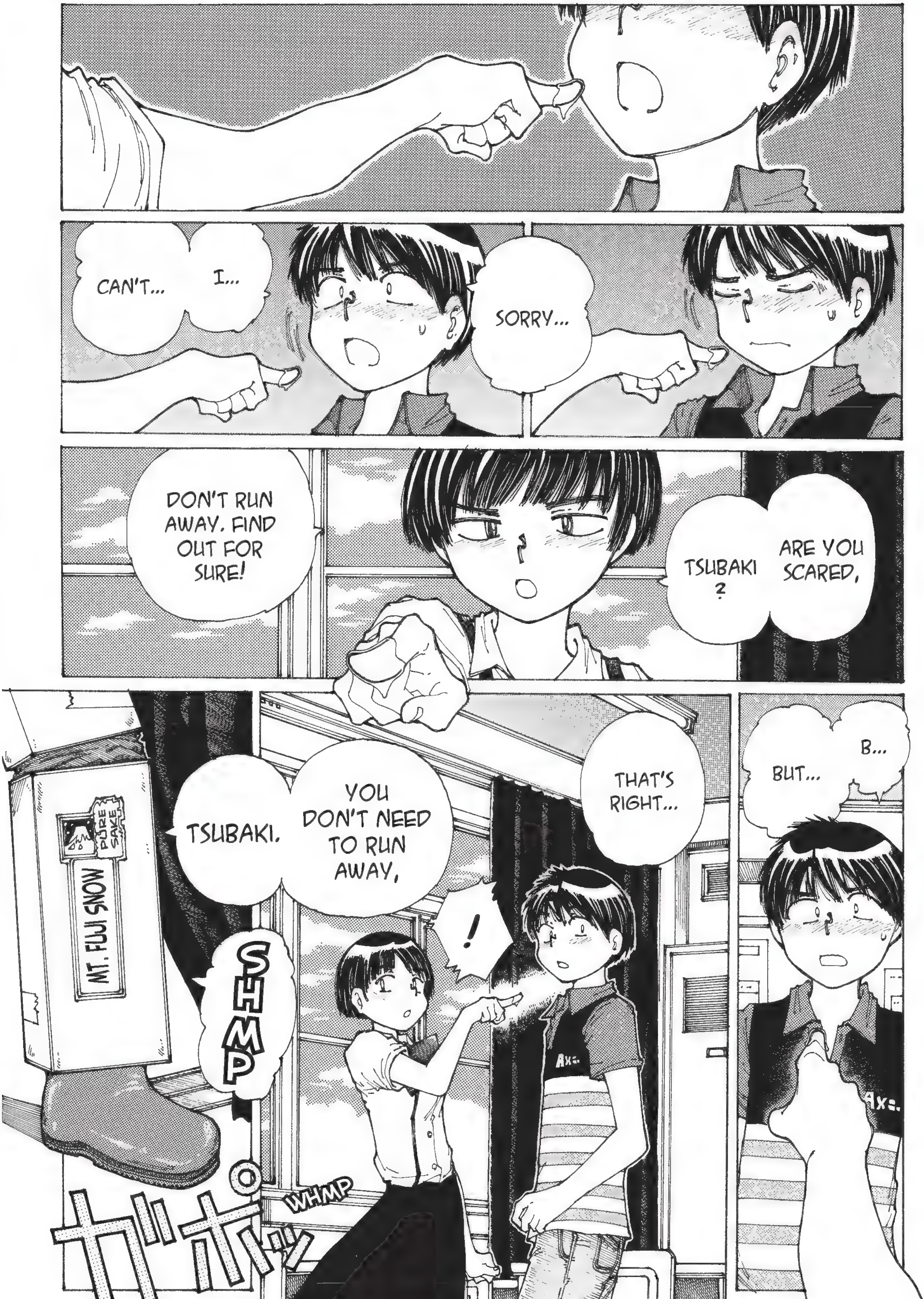

FIND OUT WHETHER MY DROOL OR URABE'S DROOL
TASTES SWEETER TO YOU...
AND THEN MAKE
YOUR DECISION...
B...
BUT...
SO YOUR FEELINGS FOR ME BACK THEN WERE A LIE?
IF YOU REALLY
HAD A CRUSH ON ME BACK THEN,
THEN PLEASE...
HAYAKAWA...

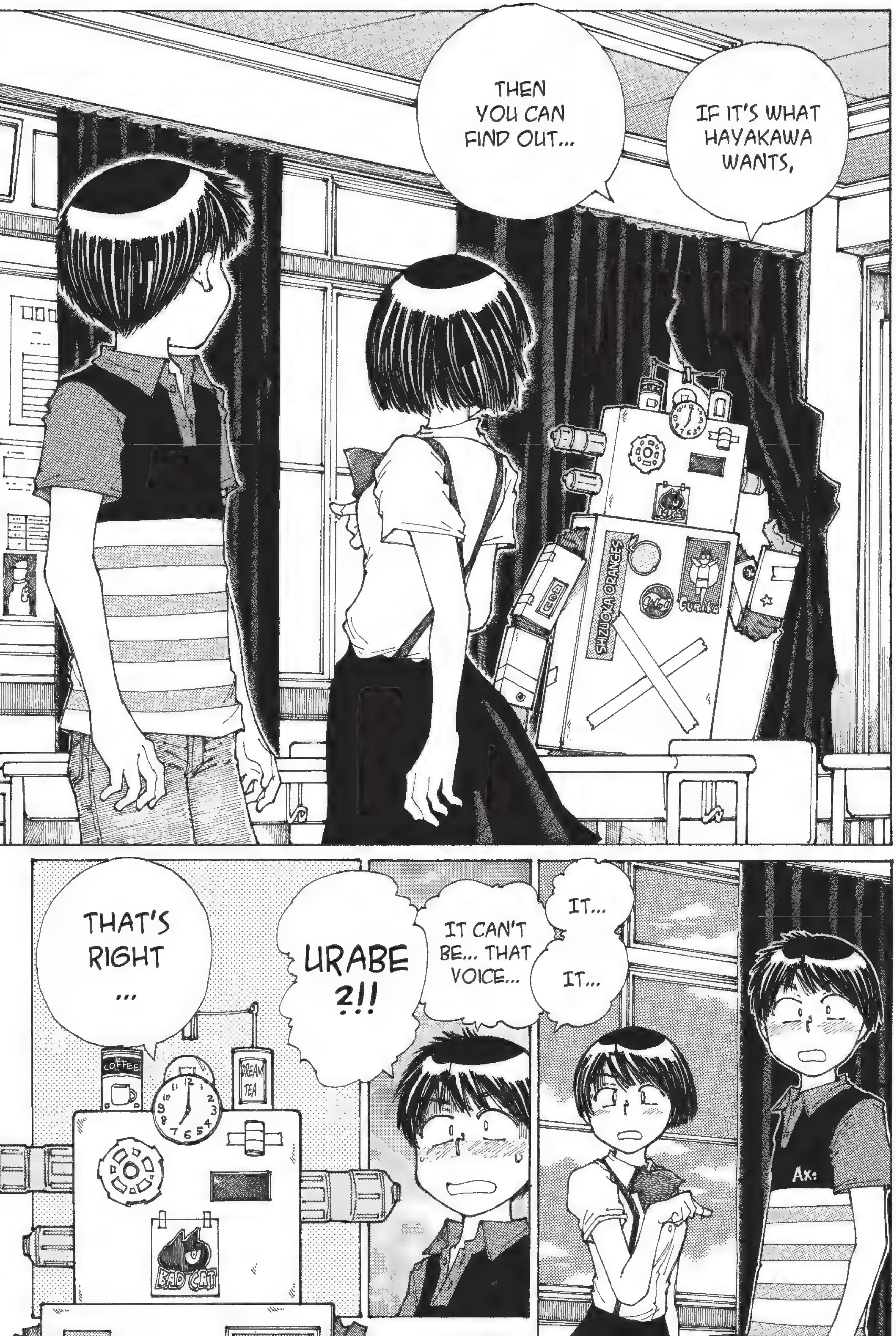

GULP...
WHAAAT?!!
HE'S GONNA DO IT?!!
UHH...
CAMERA! CAMERA!
NO, WAIT!
JERK

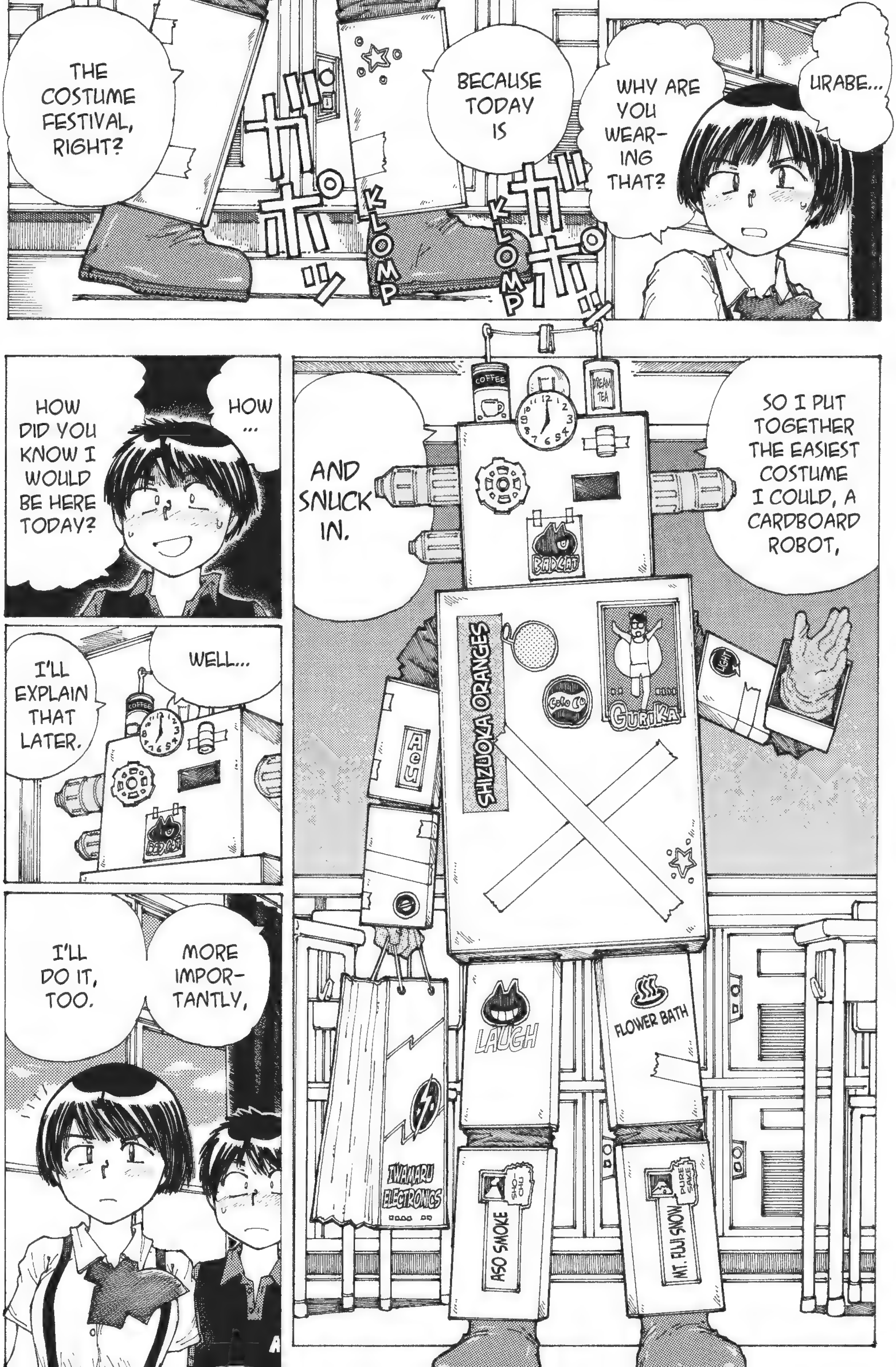

I GOTTA STOP HIM!
BAM
!
GRAB
YANK
MRMF
...
...!!
R
FIRST STAR
RAMEN
...
WHO IS THAT ?!!
DREAM TEA
COFFEE
BAD CAT
AQU

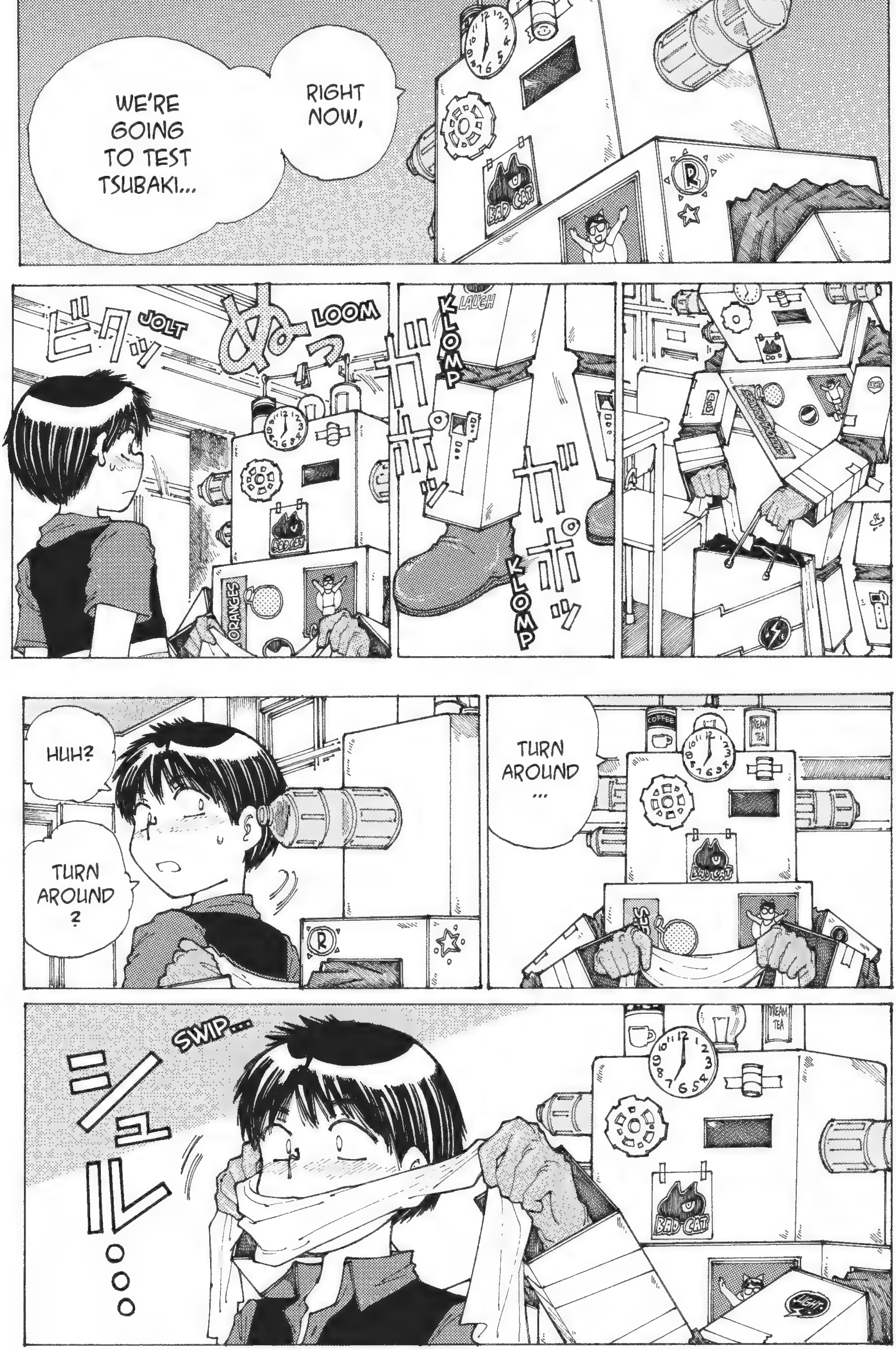

COFFEE
DREAM TEA
BAD CAT
LIGHT
IWAMARU
IWAMARU ELECTRONICS
WHA...
A RO-BOT?!!

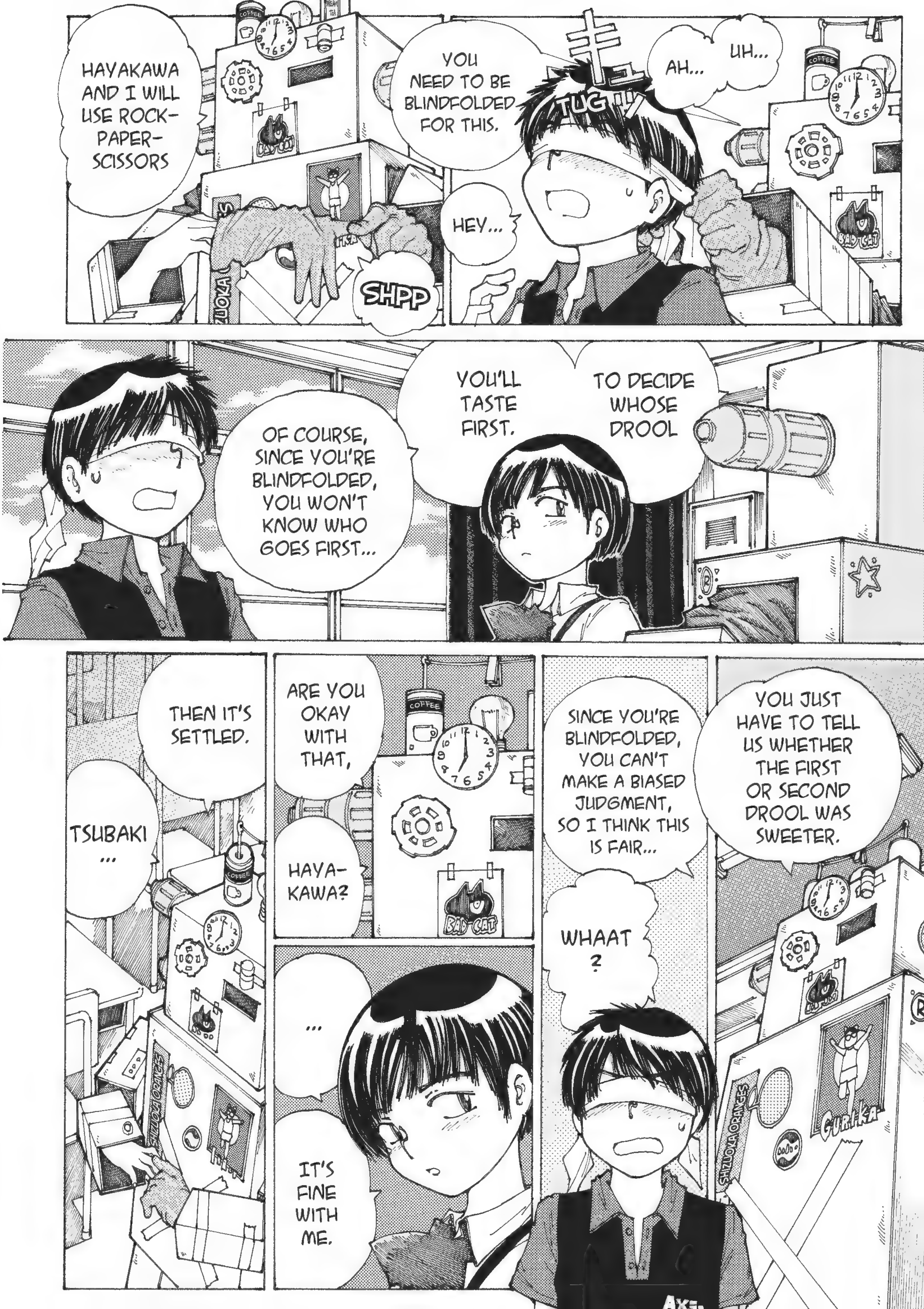

AH ...!
SFF
すっ
URABE ...?
WHISPER
ボソッ
NOD
コクッ
DREAM TEA
COFFEE
DREAM TEA
STAY RIGHT HERE.
WHISPER
ボソッ
OKA ORANGES

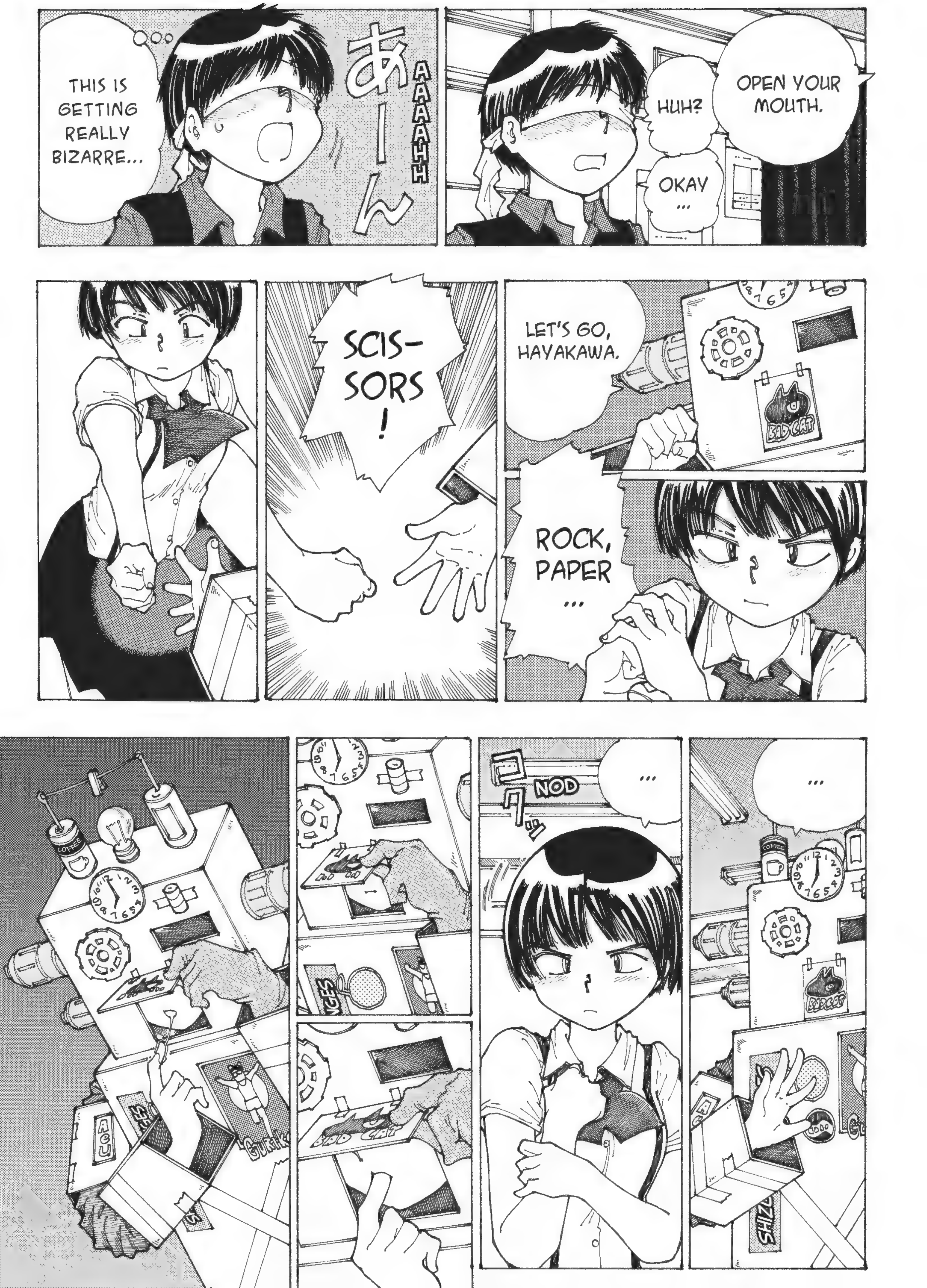

SORRY...
I...
CAN'T...
ARE YOU SCARED,
TSUBAKI?
DON'T RUN AWAY. FIND OUT FOR SURE!
B...
BUT...
THAT'S RIGHT...
YOU DON'T NEED TO RUN AWAY,
TSUBAKI.
!
PURE SAKE
MT. FUJI SNOW
SHMP
ガポッ
WHMP


IF IT'S WHAT HAYAKAWA WANTS,
THEN YOU CAN FIND OUT...
SHIZUOKA ORANGES
BAD CAT
IT...
IT...
IT CAN'T BE... THAT VOICE...
URABE ?!!
THAT'S RIGHT ...
COFFEE
DREAM TEA
BAD CAT
Ax:

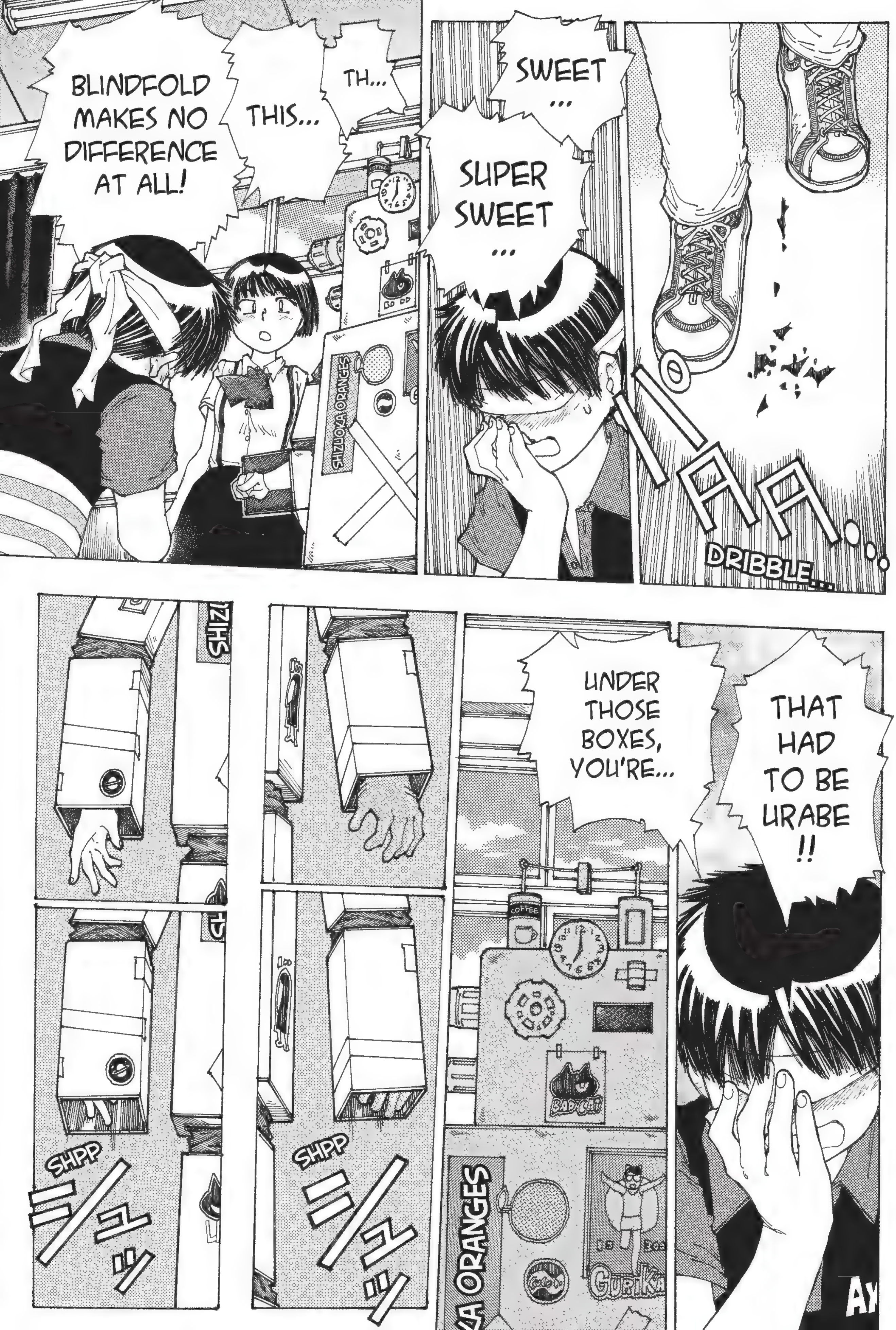

URABE...
WHY ARE YOU WEARING THAT?
BECAUSE TODAY IS
THE COSTUME FESTIVAL, RIGHT?
ガポッ
KLOMP
ガポッ
KLOMP
SO I PUT TOGETHER THE EASIEST COSTUME I COULD, A CARDBOARD ROBOT,
AND SNUCK IN.
COFFEE
DREAM TEA
BADCAT
SHIZUOKA ORANGES
GURIKA
LIGHT
AeU
LAUGH
FLOWER BATH
IWAMARU ELECTRONICS
ASO SMOKE
SHOCHU
MT. FUJI SNOW
PURE SAKE
HOW...
HOW DID YOU KNOW I WOULD BE HERE TODAY?
WELL...
I'LL EXPLAIN THAT LATER.
MORE IMPORTANTLY,
I'LL DO IT, TOO.

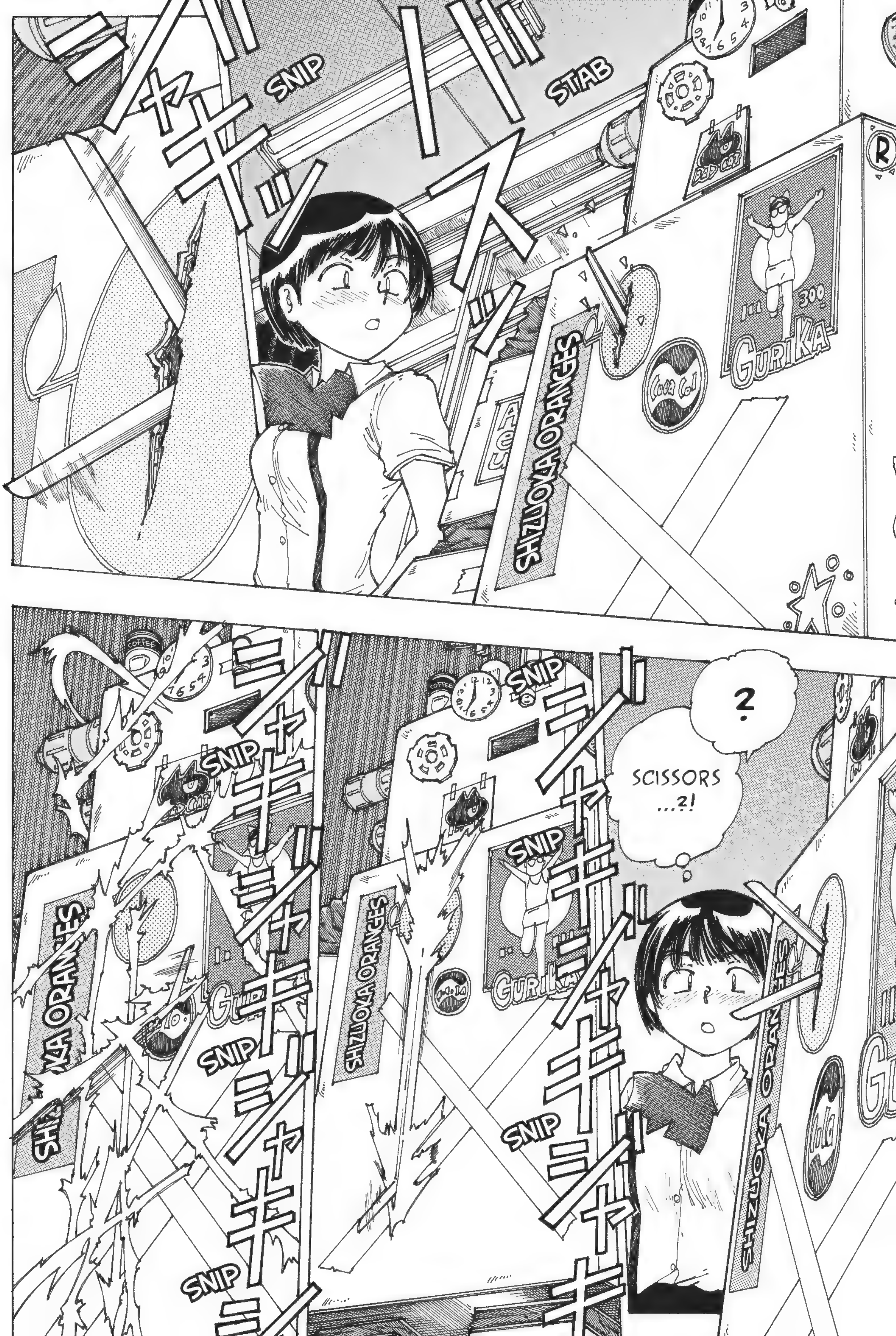

RIGHT NOW,
WE'RE GOING TO TEST TSUBAKI...
LAUGH
ガポ
KLOMP
ガポッ
KLOMP
ぬっ
LOOM
ビクッ
JOLT
BAD CAT
ORANGES
TURN AROUND ...
HUH?
TURN AROUND ?
COFFEE
DREAM TEA
BAD CAT
SWIP...
シュル〇〇〇


UH...
AH...
YOU NEED TO BE BLINDFOLDED FOR THIS.
TUG
HEY...
HAYAKAWA AND I WILL USE ROCK-PAPER-SCISSORS
SHPP
TO DECIDE WHOSE DROOL
YOU'LL TASTE FIRST.
OF COURSE, SINCE YOU'RE BLINDFOLDED, YOU WON'T KNOW WHO GOES FIRST...
YOU JUST HAVE TO TELL US WHETHER THE FIRST OR SECOND DROOL WAS SWEETER.
SINCE YOU'RE BLINDFOLDED, YOU CAN'T MAKE A BIASED JUDGMENT, SO I THINK THIS IS FAIR...
WHAAT?
ARE YOU OKAY WITH THAT,
HAYAKAWA?
...
IT'S FINE WITH ME.
THEN IT'S SETTLED.
TSUBAKI...


OPEN YOUR MOUTH.
HUH?
OKAY ...
あーん
AAAAAHH
THIS IS GETTING REALLY BIZARRE...
LET'S GO, HAYAKAWA.
BAD CAT
ROCK, PAPER ...
SCISSORS !
...
コクッ
NOD
...
BAD CAT
COFFEE
BAD CAT
COFFEE

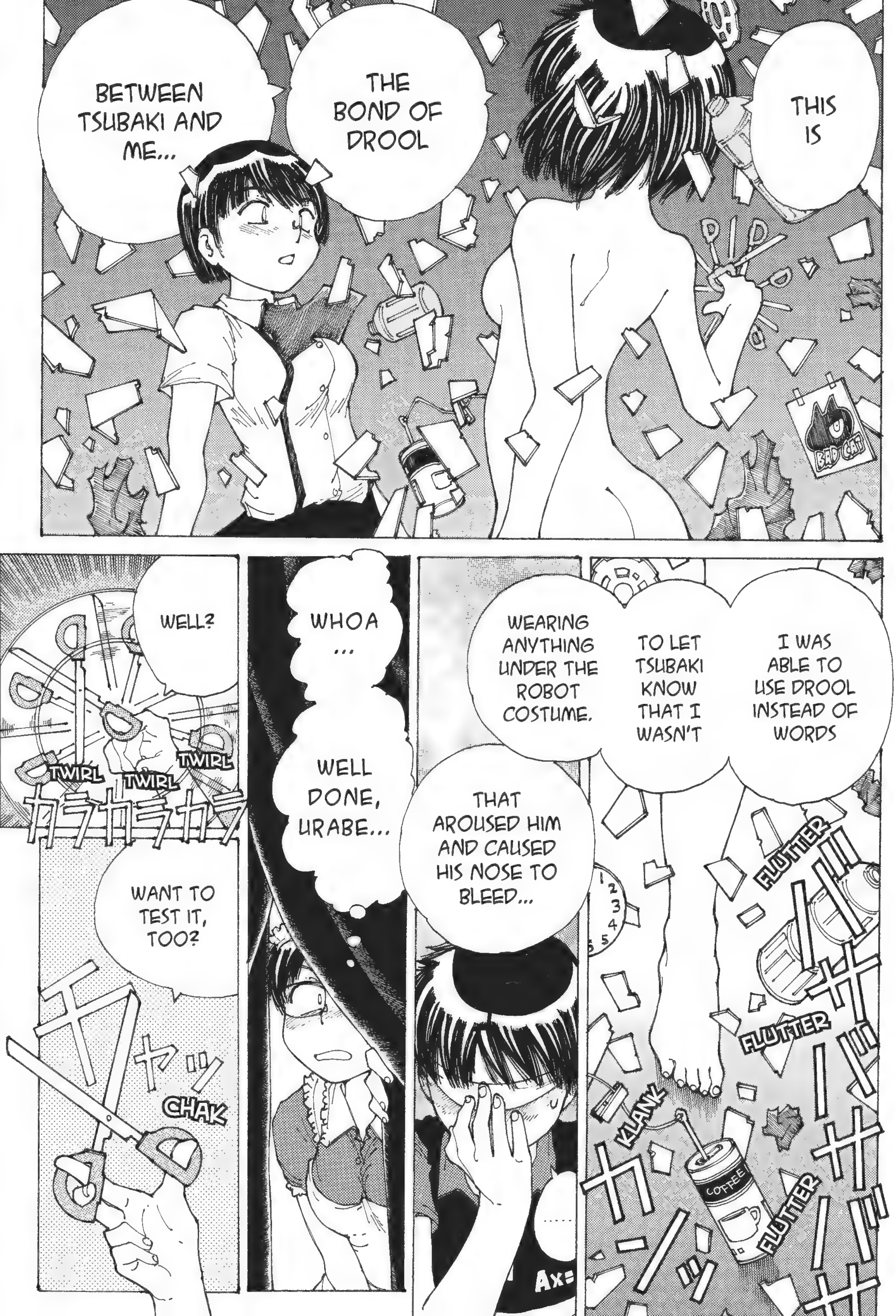
FUJIYA
TSUNODA SWEET NATTO
AX
!
SHLP
SHLP...
PWAAH
プハッ
COFFEE
DREAM TEA
BAD CAT
SHIZUOKA ORANGES
GURIKA
AX

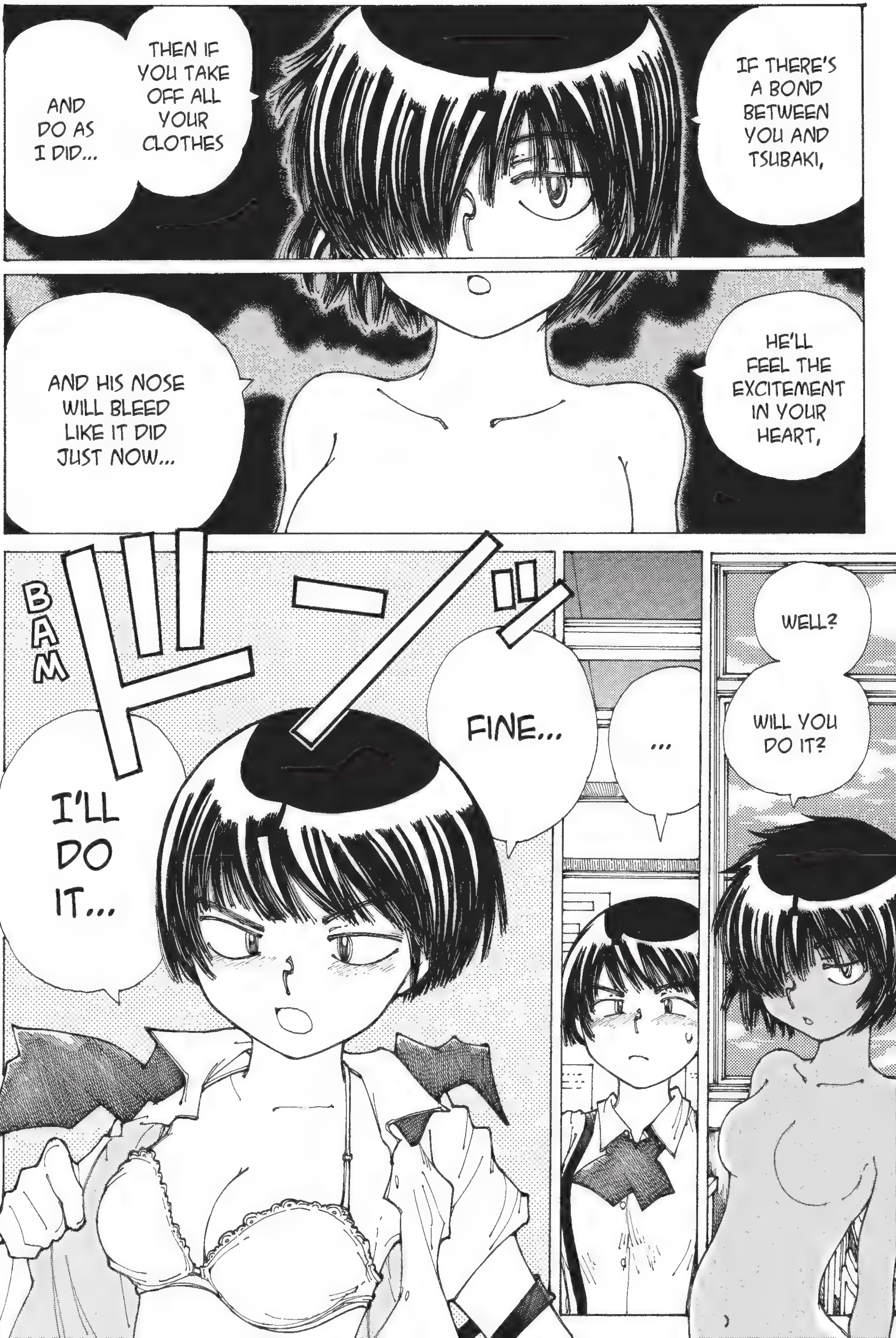

AA...
DRIBBLE...
SWEET...
SUPER SWEET...
TH...
THIS...
BLINDFOLD MAKES NO DIFFERENCE AT ALL!
SHIZUOKA ORANGES
COFFEE
THAT HAD TO BE URABE!!
UNDER THOSE BOXES, YOU'RE...
AY
SHPP
ニュッ
SHPP
ニュッ
BAD CAT
SHIZUOKA ORANGES

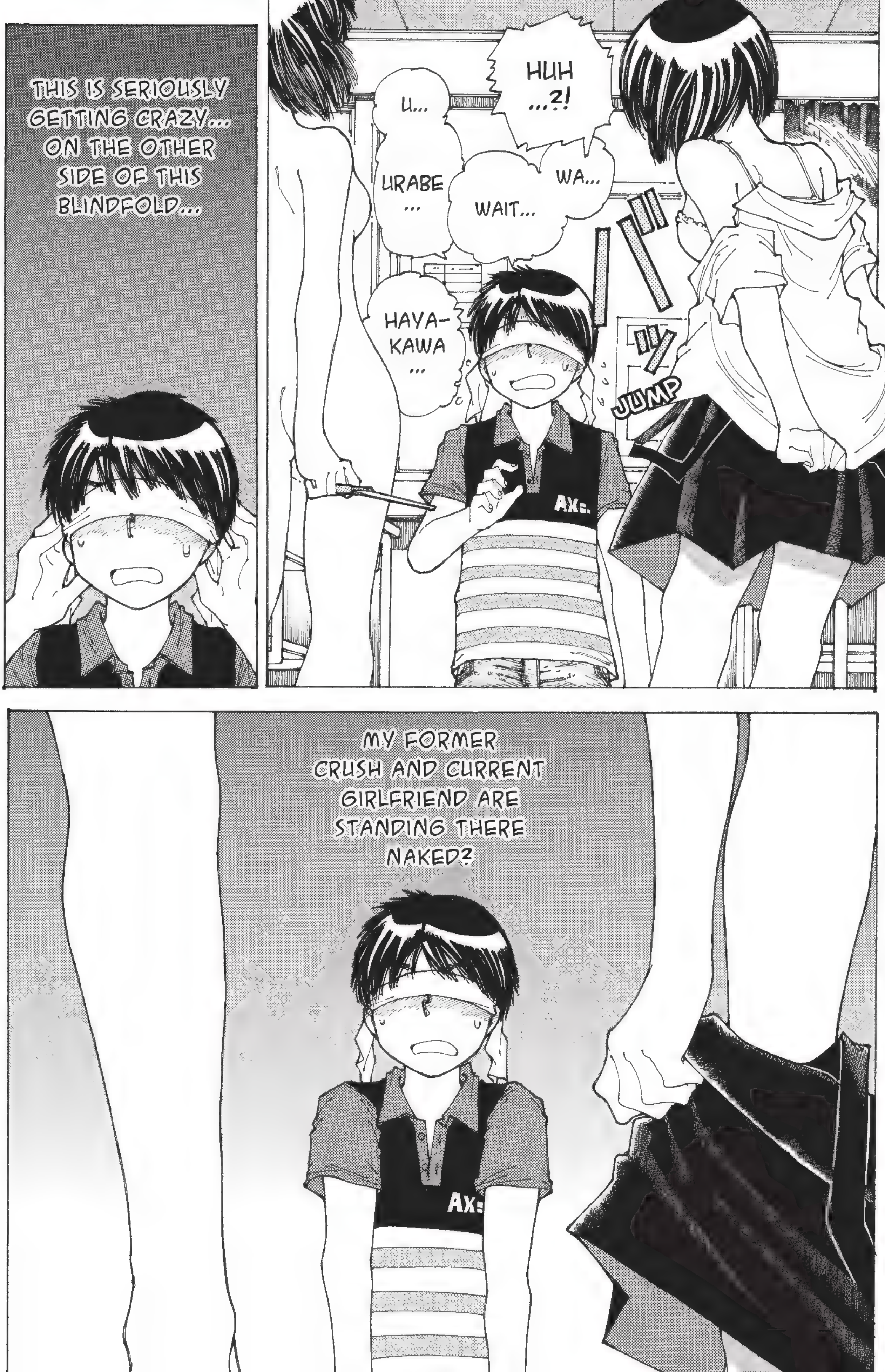

STAB
SNIP
SHIZUOKA ORANGES
GURIKA
BAD CAT
?
SCISSORS ...?!
SNIP
SNIP
SNIP
SNIP
SNIP
SNIP
SHIZUOKA ORANGES
SHIZUOKA ORANGES
SHIZUOKA ORANGES
GURIKA
COFFEE

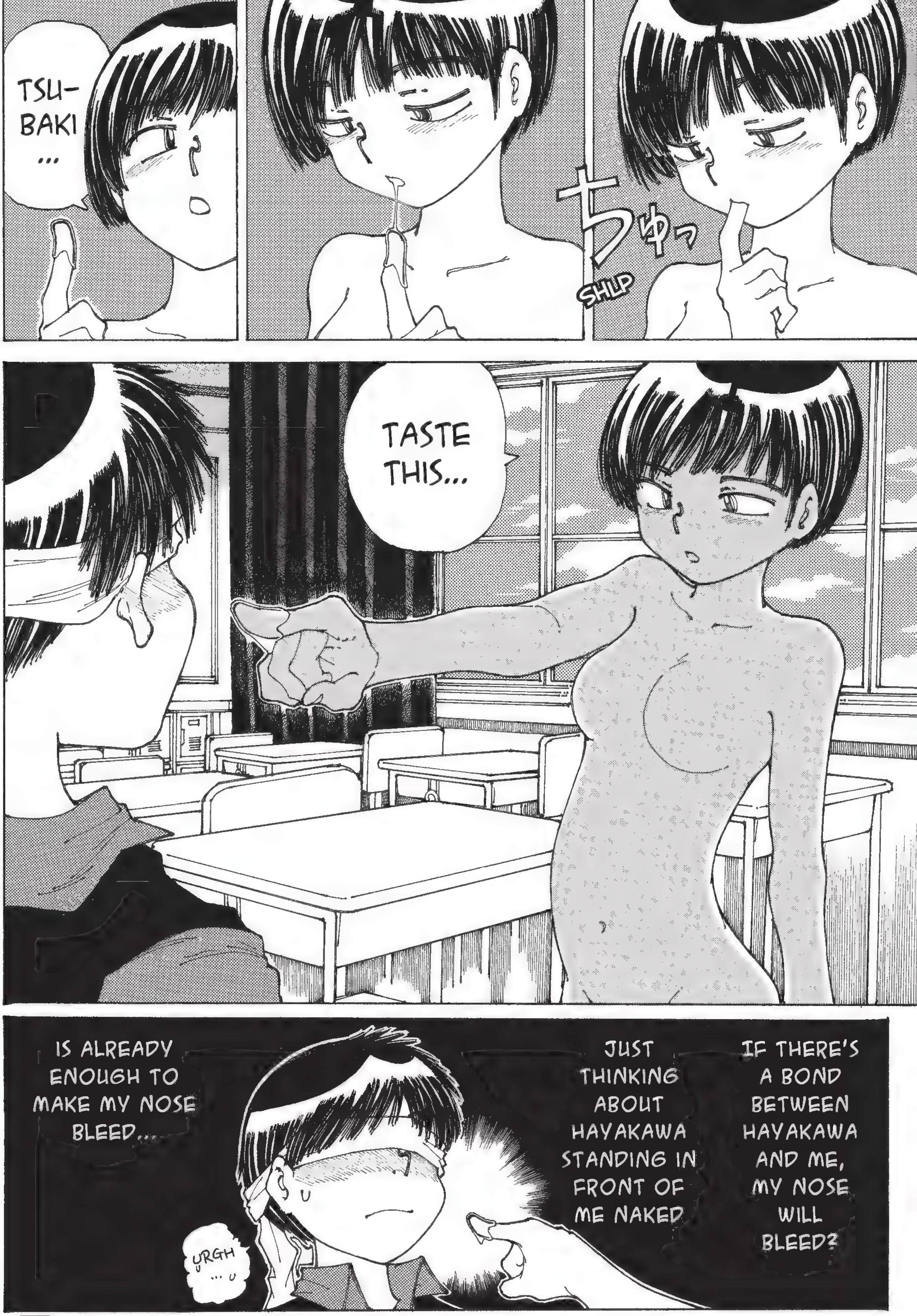
SNIP
SNIP
SNIP
SNIP
SNIP
ジャキジャキジャキジャキジャキ
BAM
COFFEE
DREAM TEA
BAD CAT
SHIZUOKA ORANGES
GURIKA
LAUGH
FLOWER
FUJI SNOW
SAKE

カラカラカラ…
TWIRL
TWIRL
TWIRL
DREAM TEA
BAD CAT
COFFEE


THIS IS
THE BOND OF DROOL
BETWEEN TSUBAKI AND ME...
PID
BAD CAT
I WAS ABLE TO USE DROOL INSTEAD OF WORDS
TO LET TSUBAKI KNOW THAT I WASN'T
WEARING ANYTHING UNDER THE ROBOT COSTUME.
FLUTTER
FLUTTER
FLUTTER
KLANK
COFFEE
THAT AROUSED HIM AND CAUSED HIS NOSE TO BLEED...
Ax=
WHOA ...
WELL DONE, URABE...
WELL?
TWIRL
TWIRL
TWIRL
カラカラカラ
WANT TO TEST IT, TOO?
チャッ
CHAK


IF THERE'S A BOND BETWEEN YOU AND TSUBAKI,
THEN IF YOU TAKE OFF ALL YOUR CLOTHES
AND DO AS I DID...
HE'LL FEEL THE EXCITEMENT IN YOUR HEART,
AND HIS NOSE WILL BLEED LIKE IT DID JUST NOW...
WELL?
WILL YOU DO IT?
...
FINE...
ドーン
BAM
I'LL DO IT...


HUH ...?!
WA...
WAIT...
URABE...
U...
HAYA-KAWA...
JUMP
THIS IS SERIOUSLY GETTING CRAZY... ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THIS BLINDFOLD...
AX=.
MY FORMER CRUSH AND CURRENT GIRLFRIEND ARE STANDING THERE NAKED?


ちゅっ
SHLP
TSU-BAKI...
TASTE THIS...
IF THERE'S A BOND BETWEEN HAYAKAWA AND ME, MY NOSE WILL BLEED?
JUST THINKING ABOUT HAYAKAWA STANDING IN FRONT OF ME NAKED
IS ALREADY ENOUGH TO MAKE MY NOSE BLEED...
URGH...

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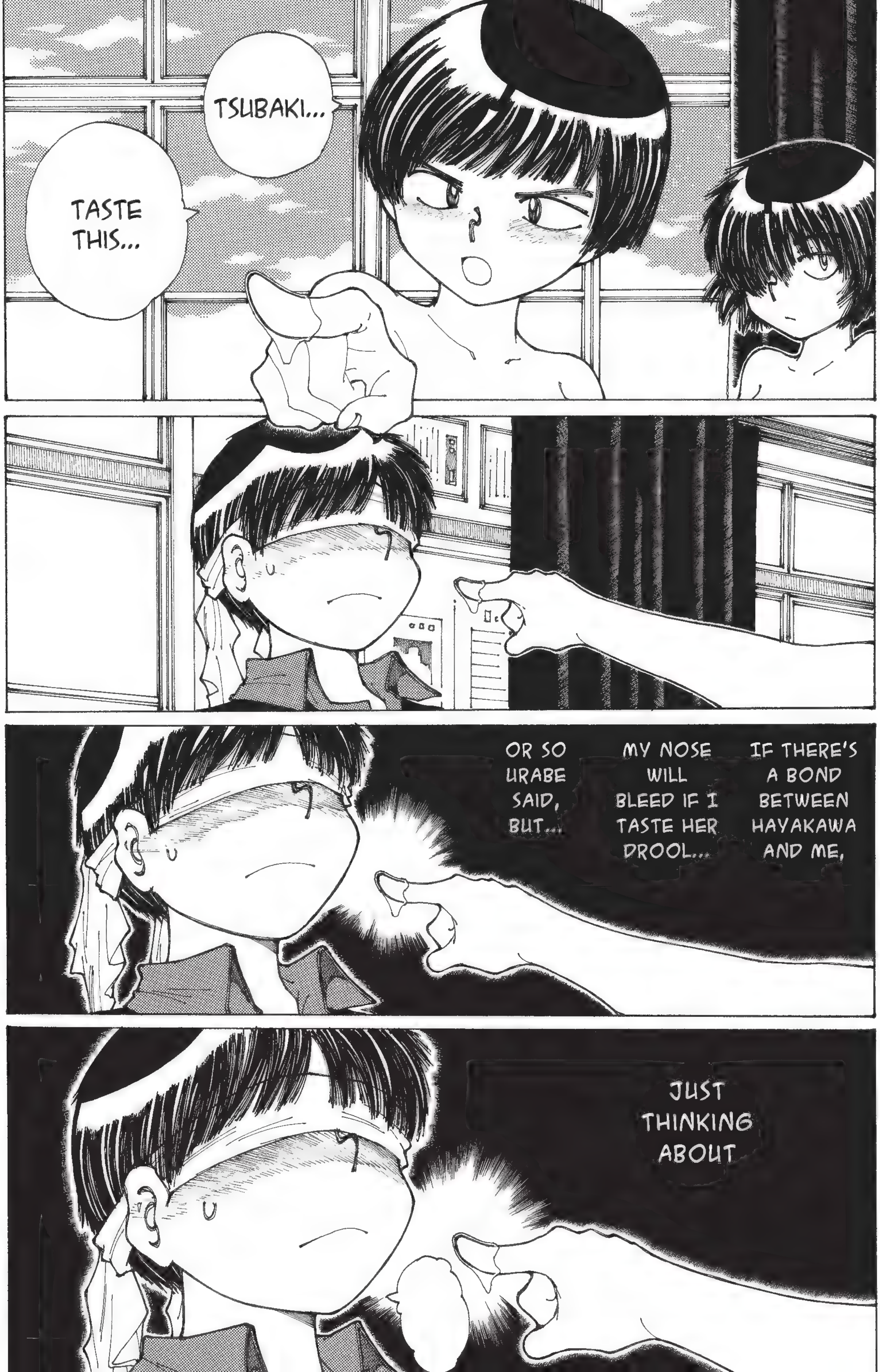
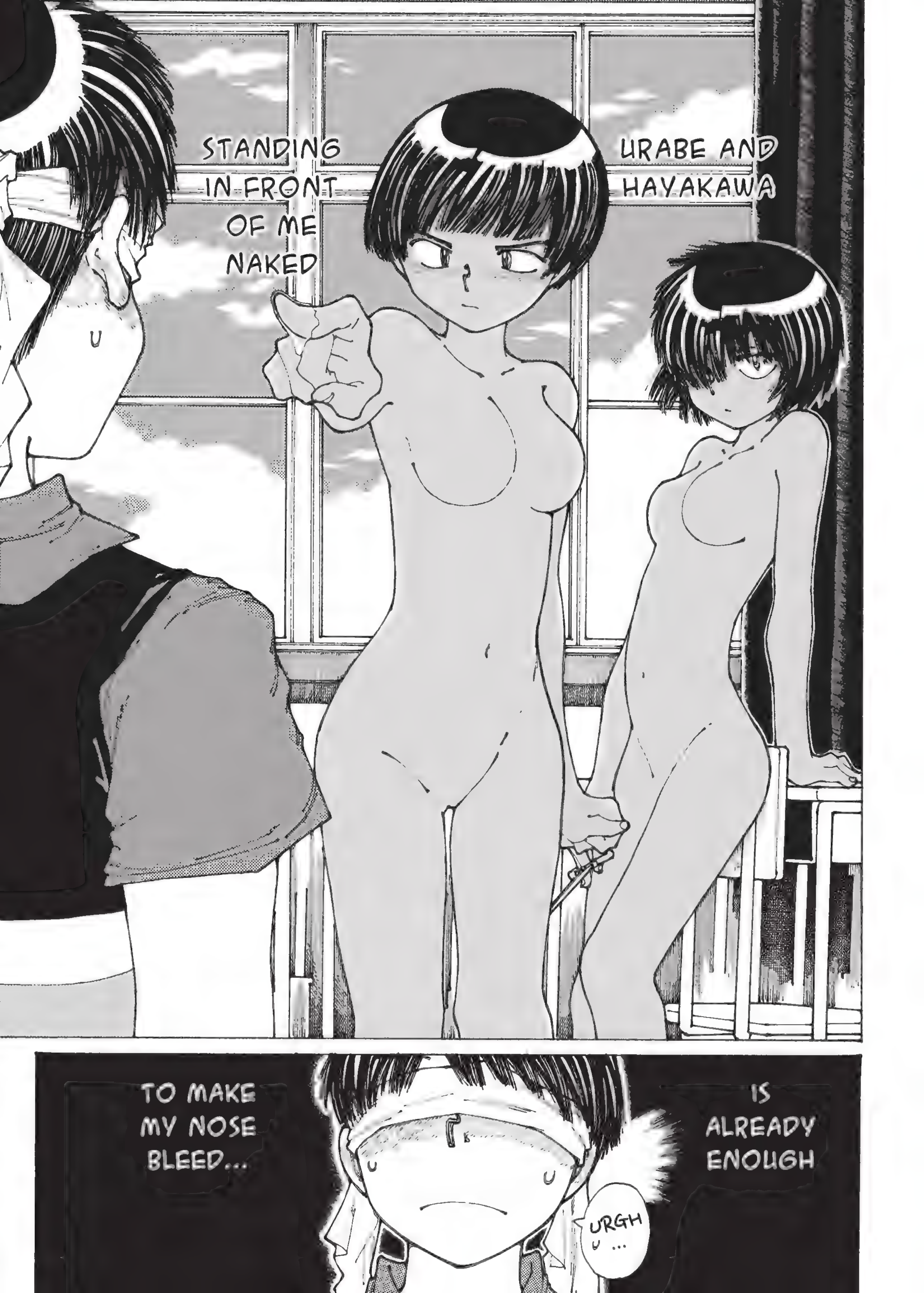
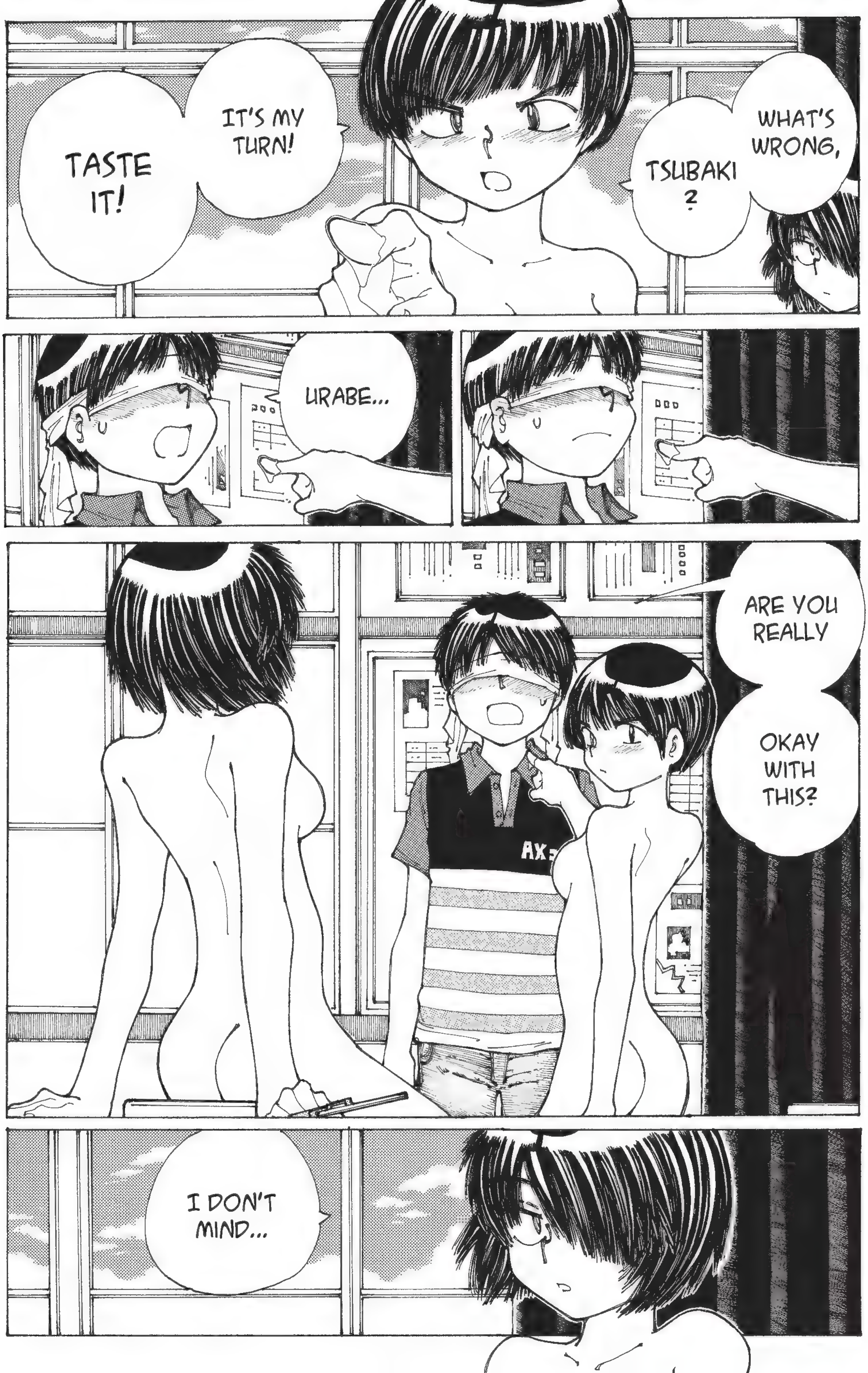
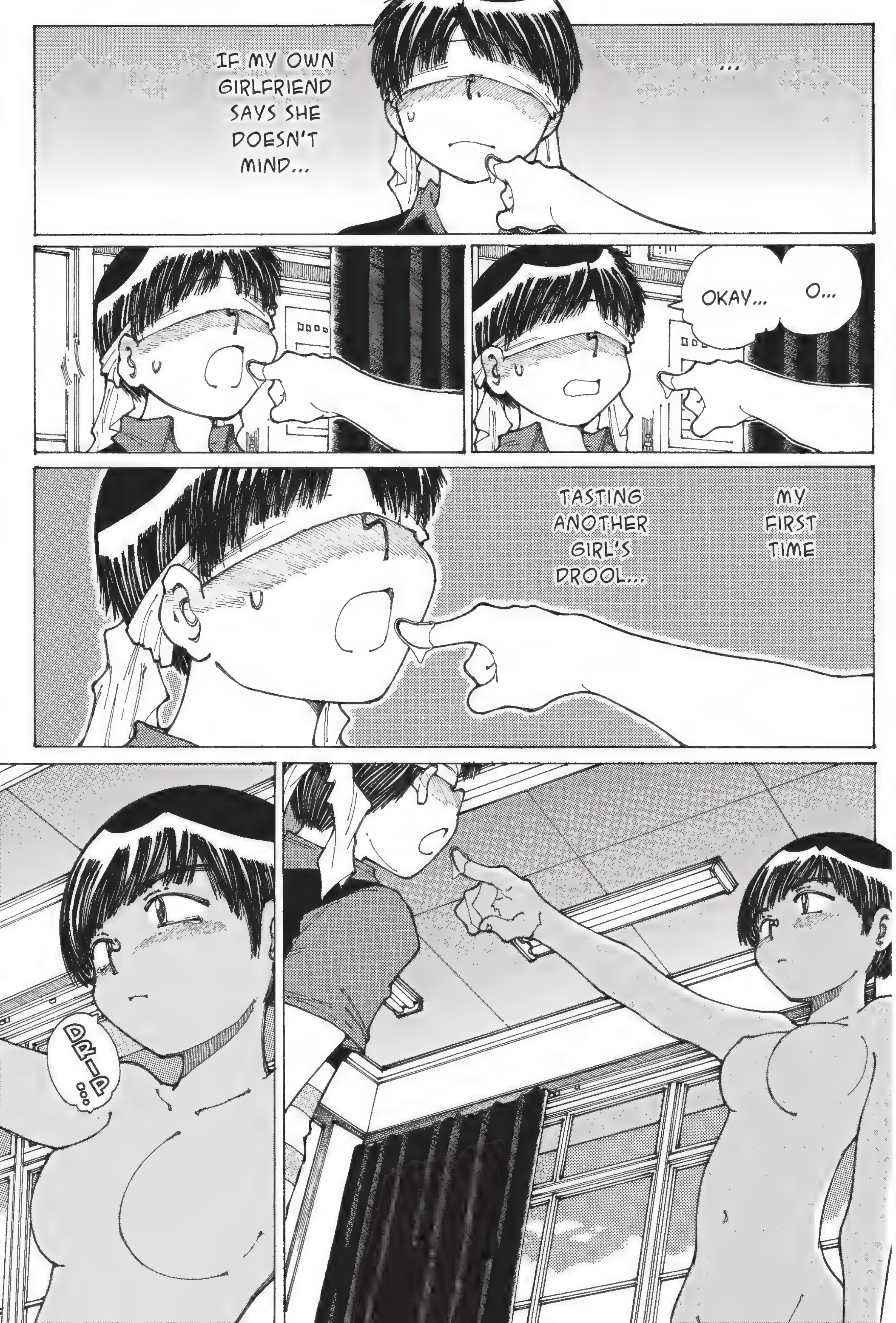
CHAPTER 33: MYSTERIOUS CULTURE FESTIVAL (PART 3)


TSUBAKI...
TASTE THIS...
IF THERE'S A BOND BETWEEN HAYAKAWA AND ME,
MY NOSE WILL BLEED IF I TASTE HER DROOL...
OR SO URABE SAID, BUT...
JUST THINKING ABOUT

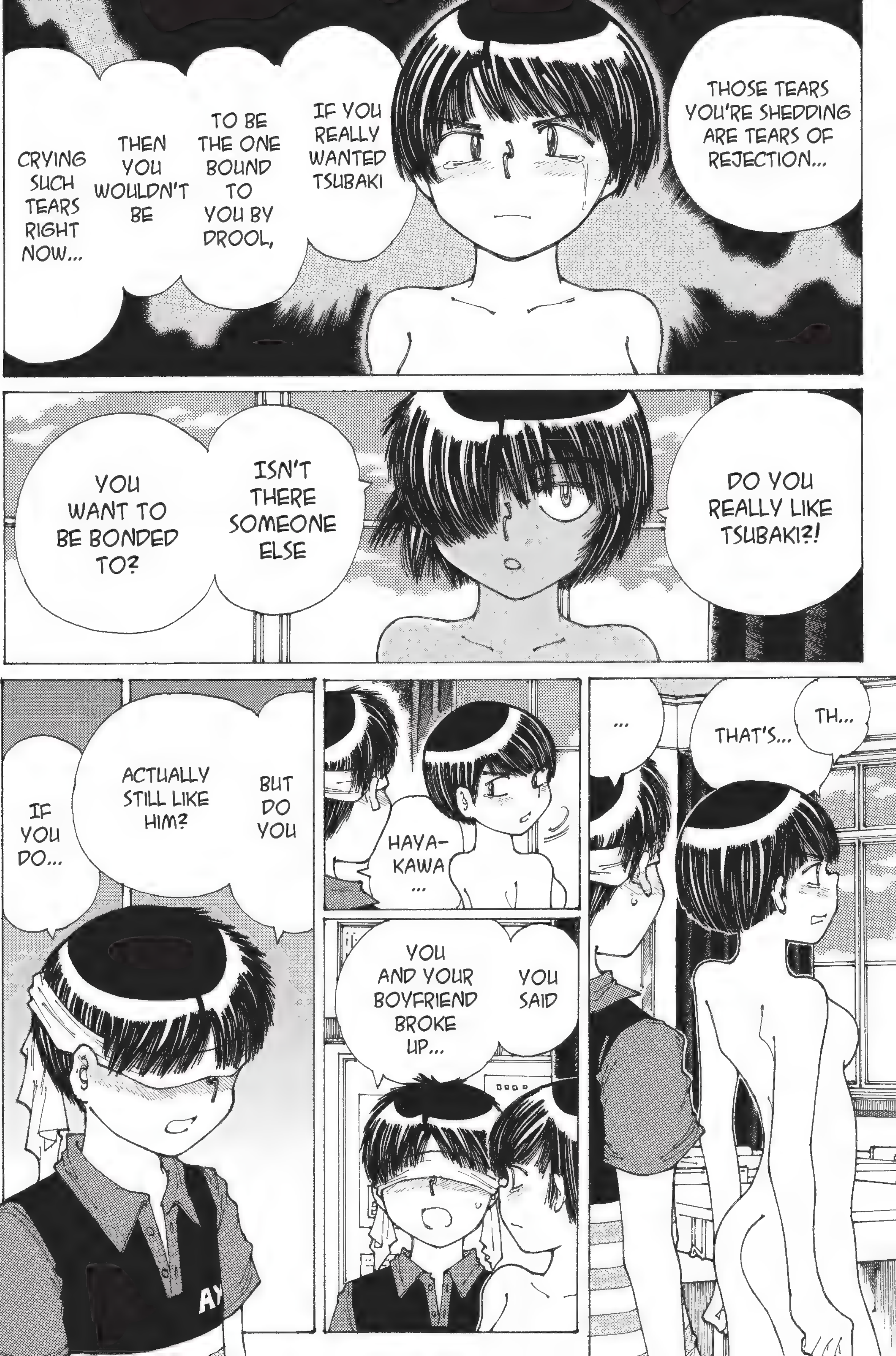

URABE AND HAYAKAWA
STANDING IN FRONT OF ME NAKED
IS ALREADY ENOUGH
TO MAKE MY NOSE BLEED...
URGH ...


WHAT'S WRONG, TSUBAKI?
IT'S MY TURN!
TASTE IT!
URABE...
ARE YOU REALLY OKAY WITH THIS?
I DON'T MIND...

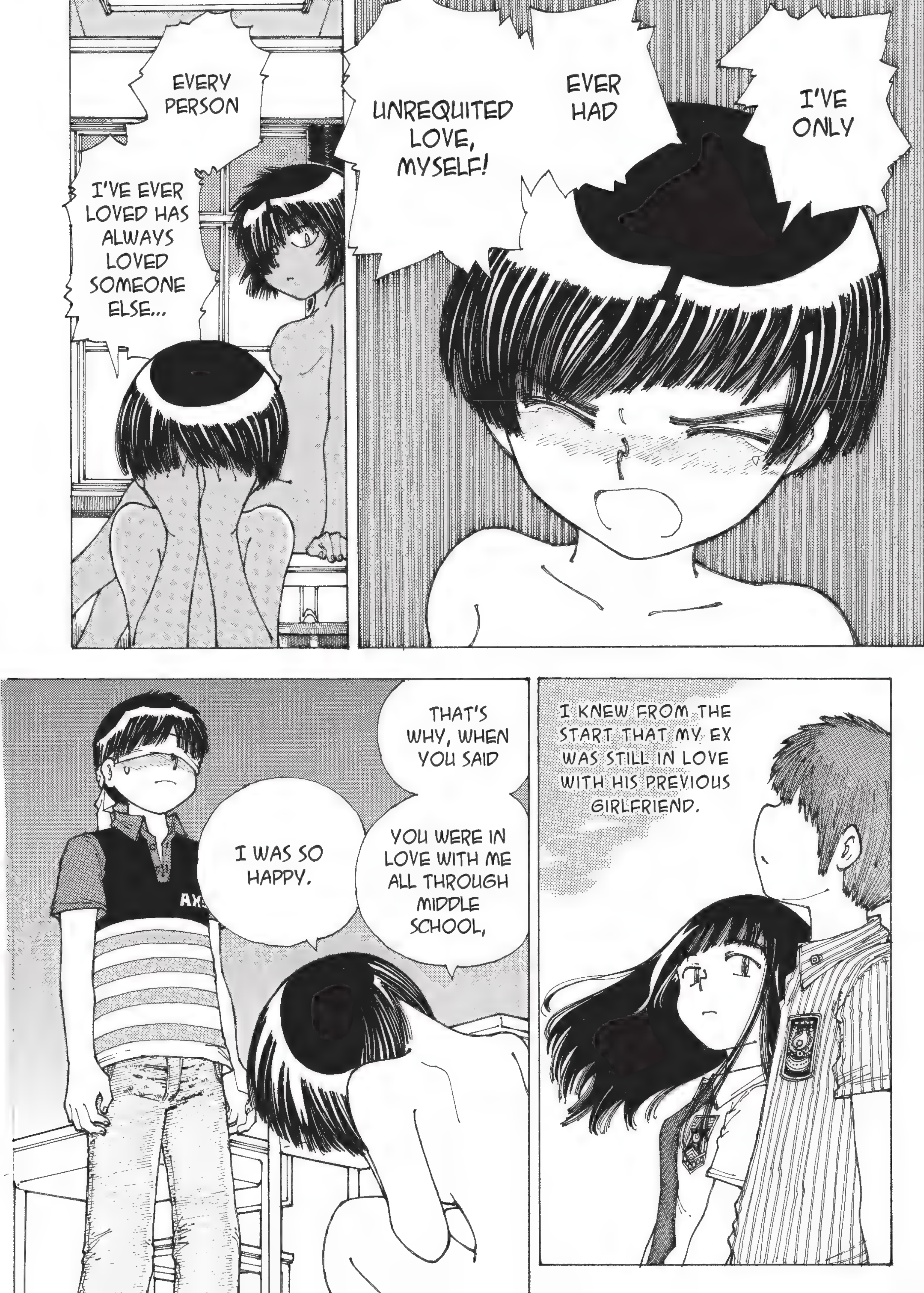

...
IF MY OWN GIRLFRIEND SAYS SHE DOESN'T MIND...
O...
OKAY...
MY FIRST TIME
TASTING ANOTHER GIRL'S DROOL...
DRIP...

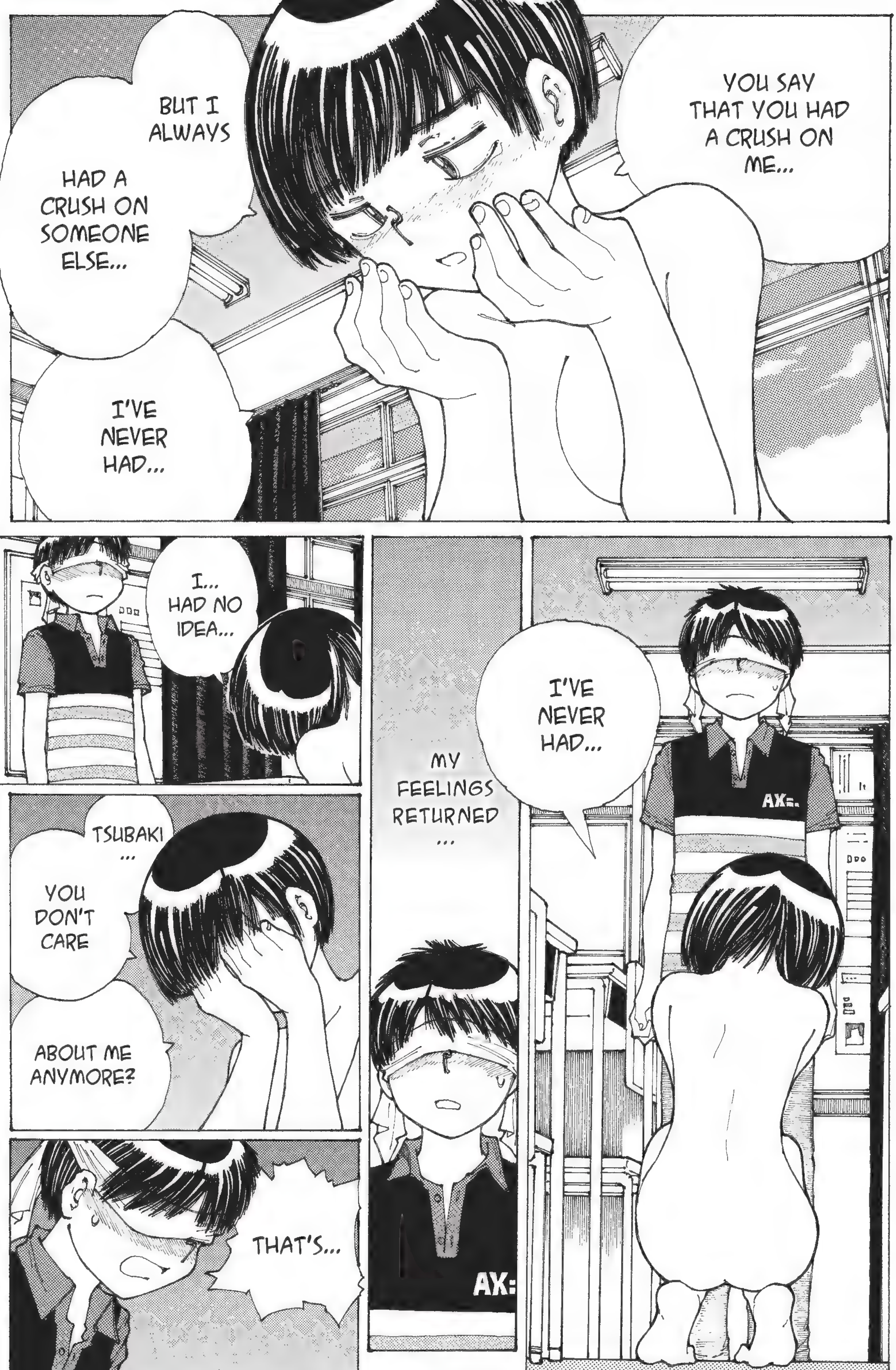
DRIPP
HUH?
WHAT?
CHOMP
SFF
JERK
カク
HUH?
TEARS ...?!
WHY ...?!
AX

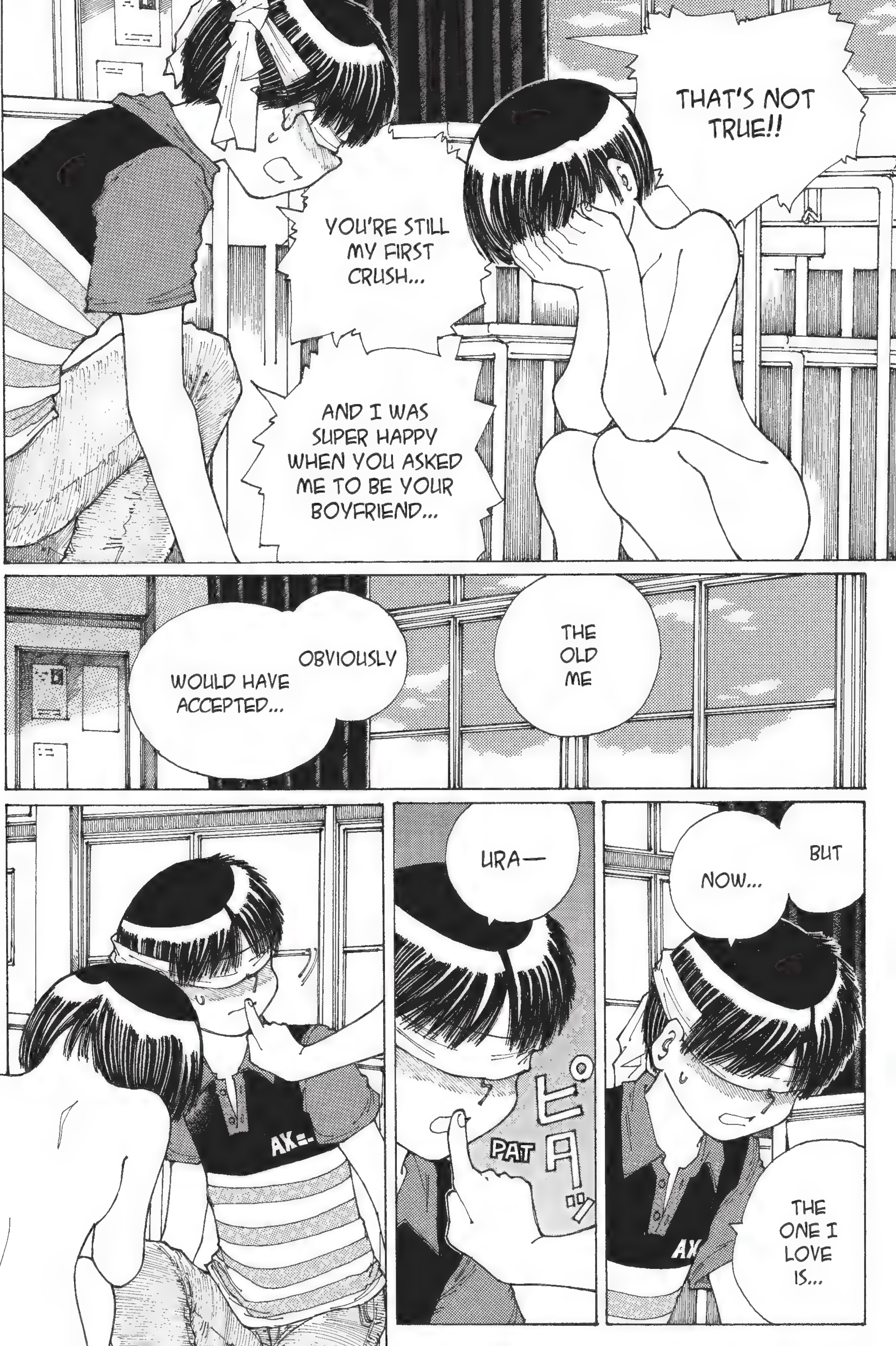
HAYAKAWA ...
YOU SHOULD KNOW BEST OF ALL
WITHOUT EVEN HAVING HIM TASTE YOUR DROOL
WHETHER THERE IS
A BOND BETWEEN YOU AND TSUBAKI, RIGHT?
I SHOULD KNOW...?
WH...
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
HAYA-KAWA,
IS TSUBAKI REALLY THE ONE YOU WANT
TO HAVE TASTE YOUR DROOL?


THOSE TEARS YOU'RE SHEDDING ARE TEARS OF REJECTION...
IF YOU REALLY WANTED TSUBAKI
TO BE THE ONE BOUND TO YOU BY DROOL,
THEN YOU WOULDN'T BE
CRYING SUCH TEARS RIGHT NOW...
DO YOU REALLY LIKE TSUBAKI?!
ISN'T THERE SOMEONE ELSE
YOU WANT TO BE BONDED TO?
TH...
THAT'S...
...
HAYA-KAWA...
YOU SAID
YOU AND YOUR BOYFRIEND BROKE UP...
BUT DO YOU
ACTUALLY STILL LIKE HIM?
IF YOU DO...

INSTEAD OF BEING HERE WITH ME,
YOU SHOULD TRY TO GET HIM BACK.
WHAT ?!!
WH-WHAT ARE YOU SAYING ...?
YOU WERE IN LOVE WITH ME IN MIDDLE SCHOOL, RIGHT?!
IN THAT CASE...
BUT
IT WAS UNREQUITED...
AX=..
YOU SHOULD FORM A BOND WITH THE ONE YOU LOVE,
AND ENJOY THAT MUTUAL FEELING.
B...
BUT...
YOU'RE THE PRETTY GIRL I ADMIRED ALL THROUGH MIDDLE SCHOOL!
IF YOU TELL HIM HOW YOU REALLY FEEL,
I'M SURE EVEN YOUR EX
WOULD ...
BUT...
BUT...


I'VE ONLY
EVER HAD
UNREQUITED LOVE, MYSELF!
EVERY PERSON
I'VE EVER LOVED HAS ALWAYS LOVED SOMEONE ELSE...
I KNEW FROM THE START THAT MY EX WAS STILL IN LOVE WITH HIS PREVIOUS GIRLFRIEND.
THAT'S WHY, WHEN YOU SAID
YOU WERE IN LOVE WITH ME ALL THROUGH MIDDLE SCHOOL,
I WAS SO HAPPY.

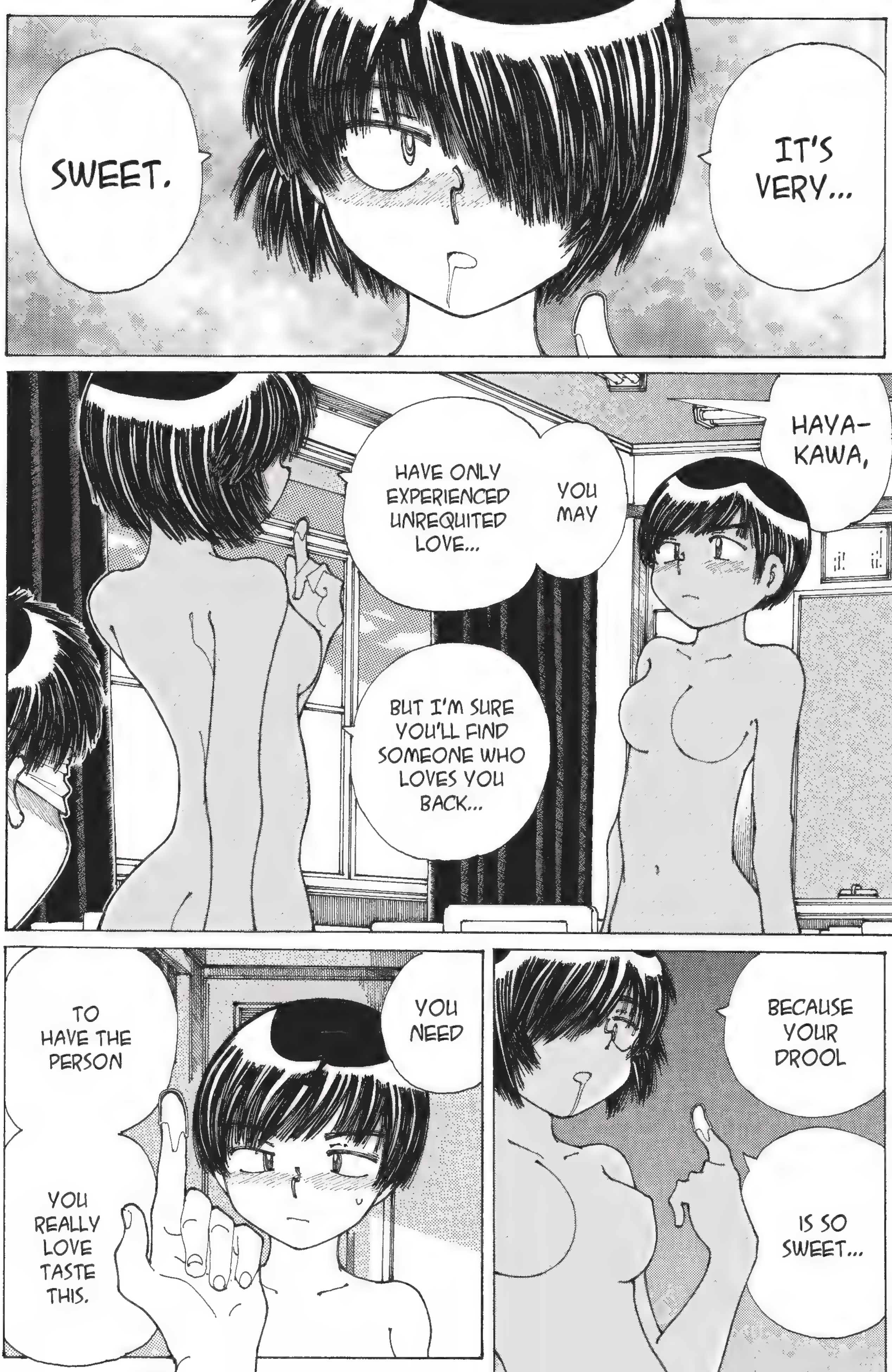

YOU SAY THAT YOU HAD A CRUSH ON ME...
BUT I ALWAYS
HAD A CRUSH ON SOMEONE ELSE...
I'VE NEVER HAD...
I'VE NEVER HAD...
MY FEELINGS RETURNED ...
AX:
I... HAD NO IDEA...
TSUBAKI ...
YOU DON'T CARE
ABOUT ME ANYMORE?
AX:
THAT'S...

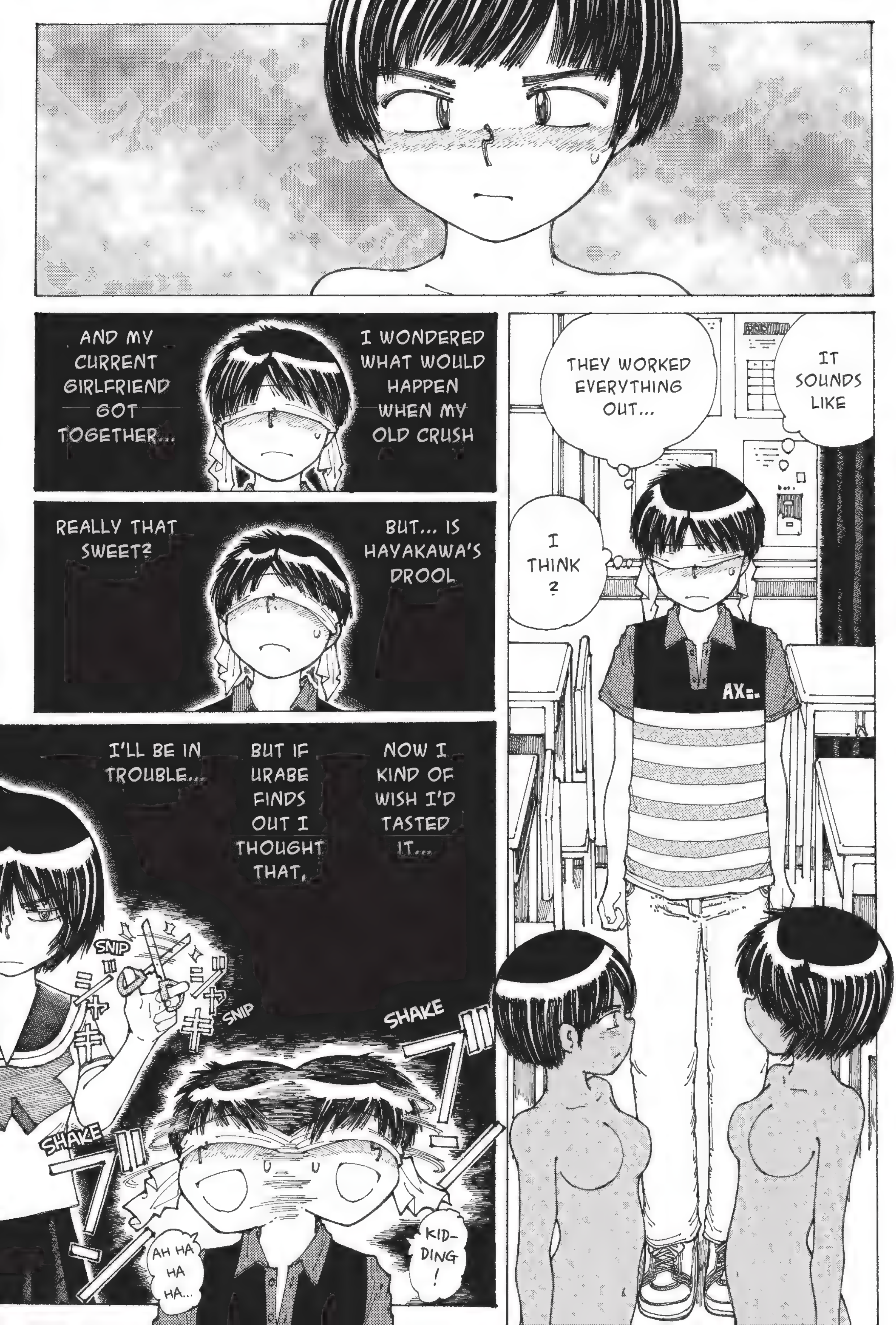

THAT'S NOT TRUE!!
YOU'RE STILL MY FIRST CRUSH...
AND I WAS SUPER HAPPY WHEN YOU ASKED ME TO BE YOUR BOYFRIEND...
THE OLD ME
OBVIOUSLY
WOULD HAVE ACCEPTED...
BUT
NOW...
THE ONE I LOVE IS...
URA—
ピタッ
PAT

HAYAKAWA ...
STAND UP...
HUH...?
LIFT

OPEN
YOUR MOUTH ...
SHLP ...

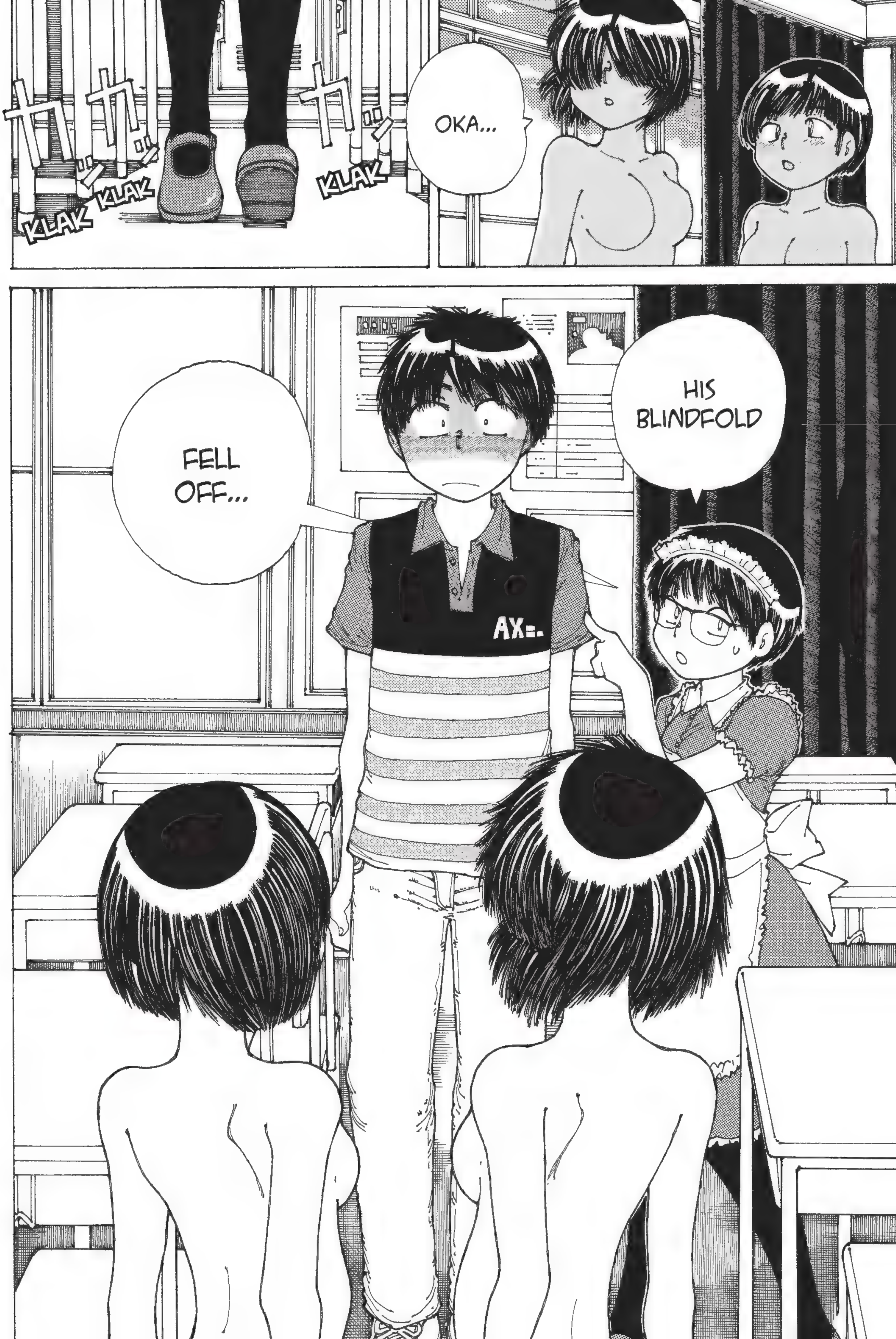
ちゅっ
SSHLP...
・・・
TREMBLE...
ぶるぶる…
TREMBLE TREMBLE...
HFF...


IT'S VERY...
SWEET.
HAYA-KAWA,
YOU MAY
HAVE ONLY EXPERIENCED UNREQUITED LOVE...
BUT I'M SURE YOU'LL FIND SOMEONE WHO LOVES YOU BACK...
BECAUSE YOUR DROOL
IS SO SWEET...
YOU NEED
TO HAVE THE PERSON
YOU REALLY LOVE TASTE THIS.


IT SOUNDS LIKE
THEY WORKED EVERYTHING OUT...
I THINK?
I WONDERED WHAT WOULD HAPPEN WHEN MY OLD CRUSH
AND MY CURRENT GIRLFRIEND GOT TOGETHER...
BUT... IS HAYAKAWA'S DROOL
REALLY THAT SWEET?
NOW I KIND OF WISH I'D TASTED IT...
BUT IF URABE FINDS OUT I THOUGHT THAT,
I'LL BE IN TROUBLE...
SHAKE
SNIP
SNIP
SHAKE
KID- DING!
AH HA HA HA...
AX

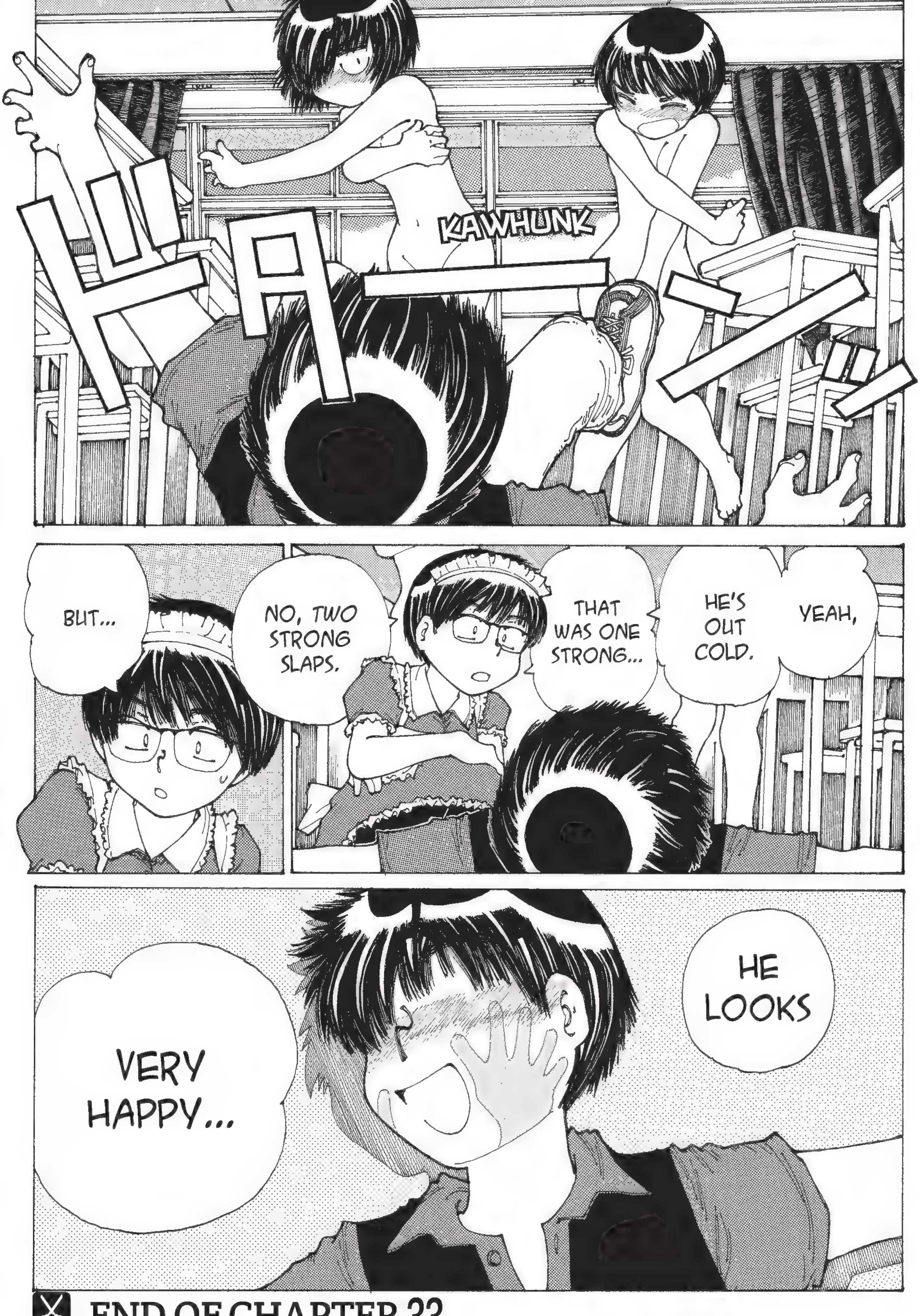
ブーン
SHAKE
ブーン
SHAKE
ははは‥
HA HA HA...
あはは
AH HA HA
シュル
SHI
WIP
SLIP...
AX..

パサッ
FLUTTER
ガタガタガタガタ。。。
RATTLE RATTLE RATTLE RATTLE
かあーーっ♡
BLUU UUSH
...
バサッ
SWIP
UHM...


OKA...
カッ
KLAK
カッ
KLAK
カッ
KLAK
HIS BLINDFOLD
FELL OFF...
AX

BURN
EEEEEK!

パーンッ
SLAP
パーンッ
SLAP
AX=


ドダーーッ
KAWHUNK
YEAH,
HE'S OUT COLD.
THAT WAS ONE STRONG...
NO, TWO STRONG SLAPS.
BUT...
HE LOOKS
VERY HAPPY...

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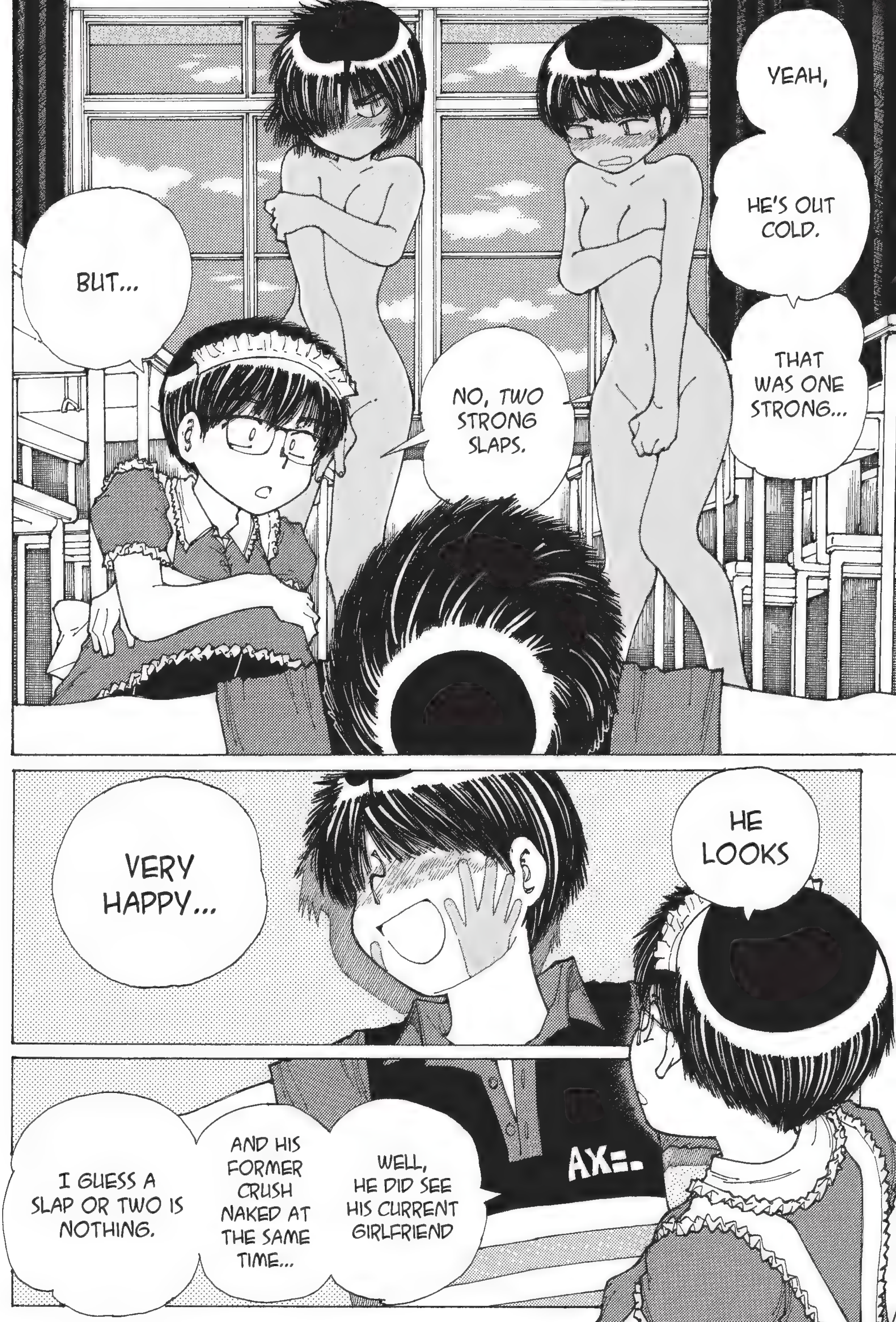
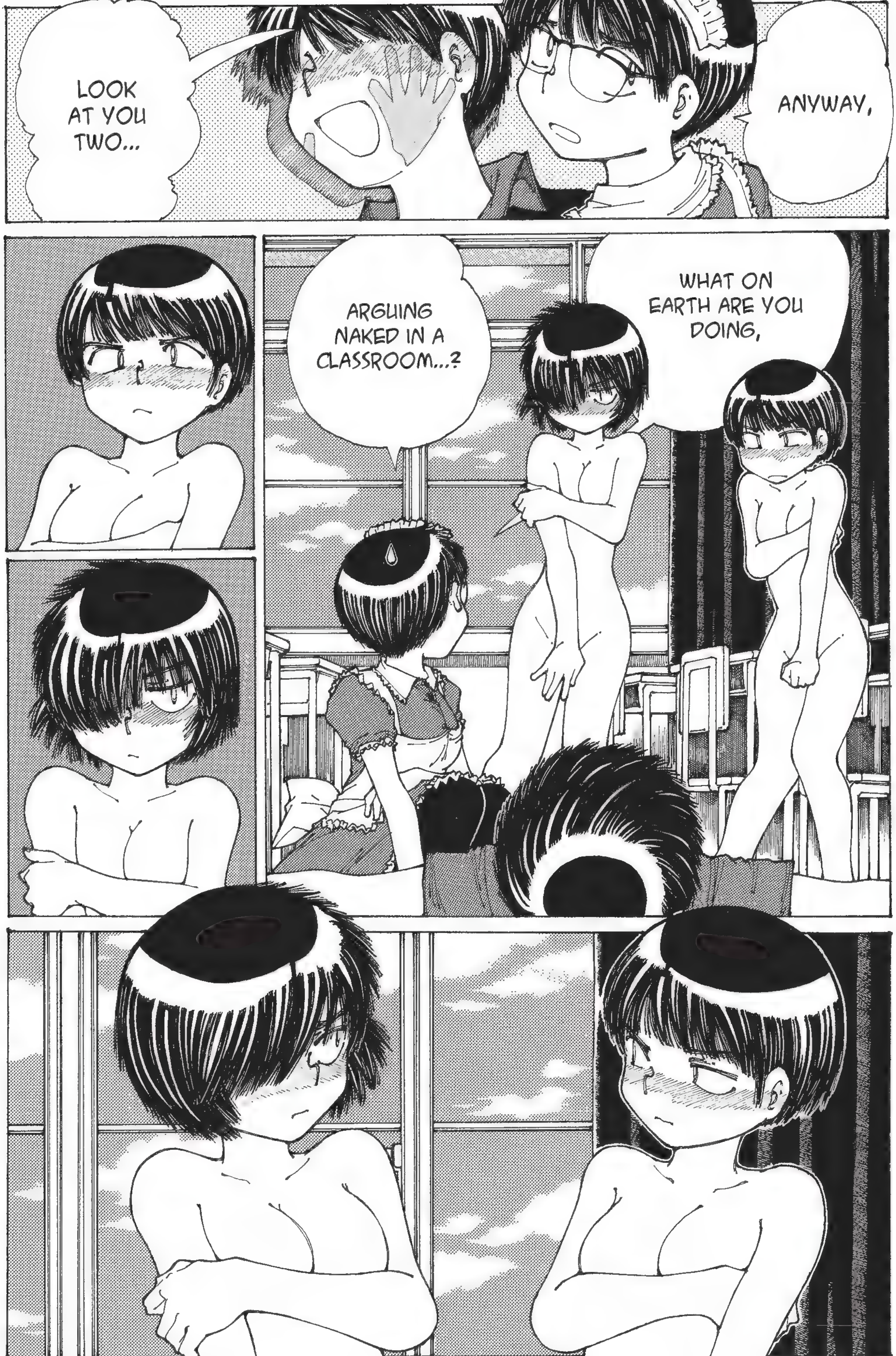
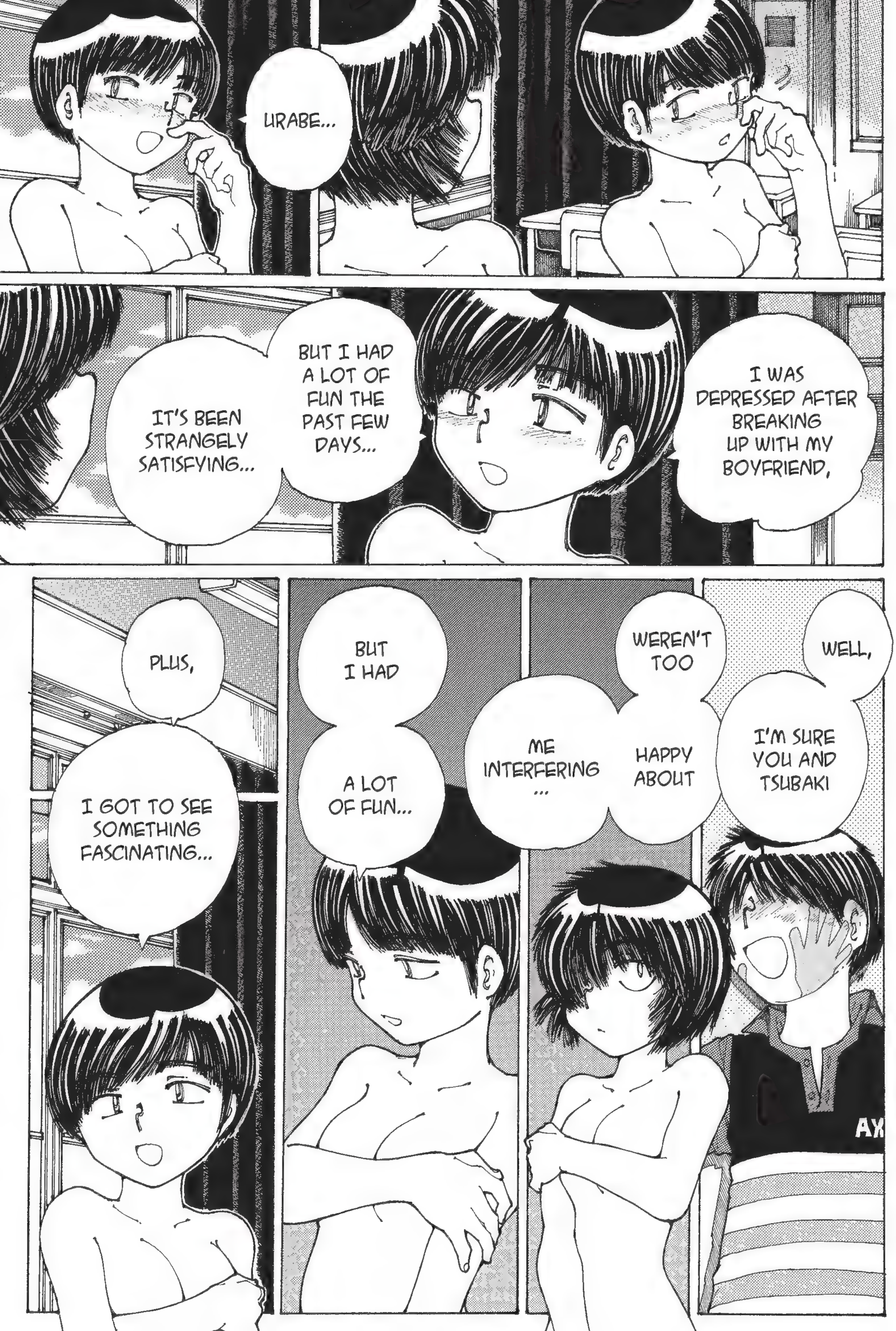
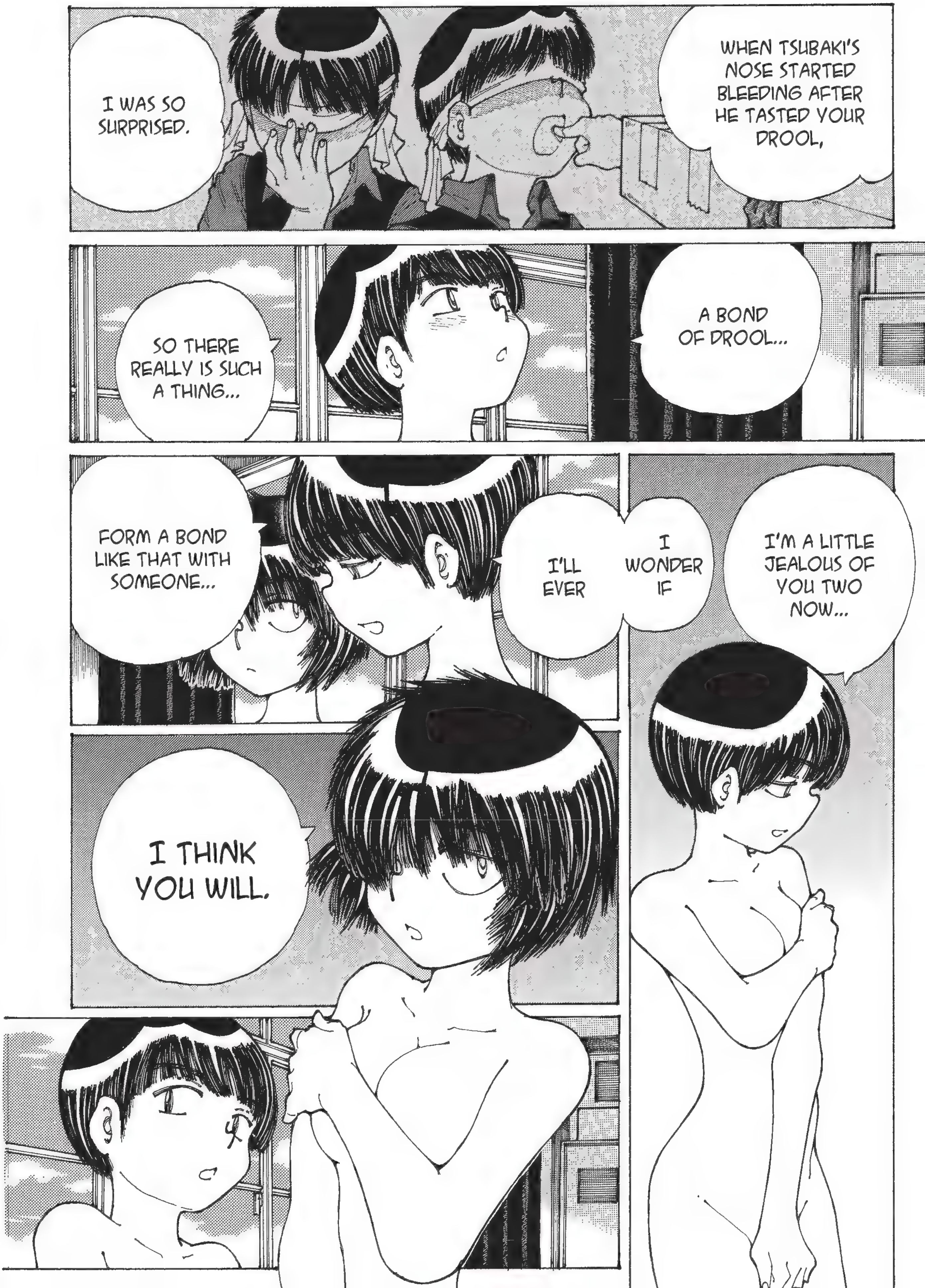
CHAPTER 34: MYSTERIOUS CULTURE FESTIVAL — THE AFTERPARTY

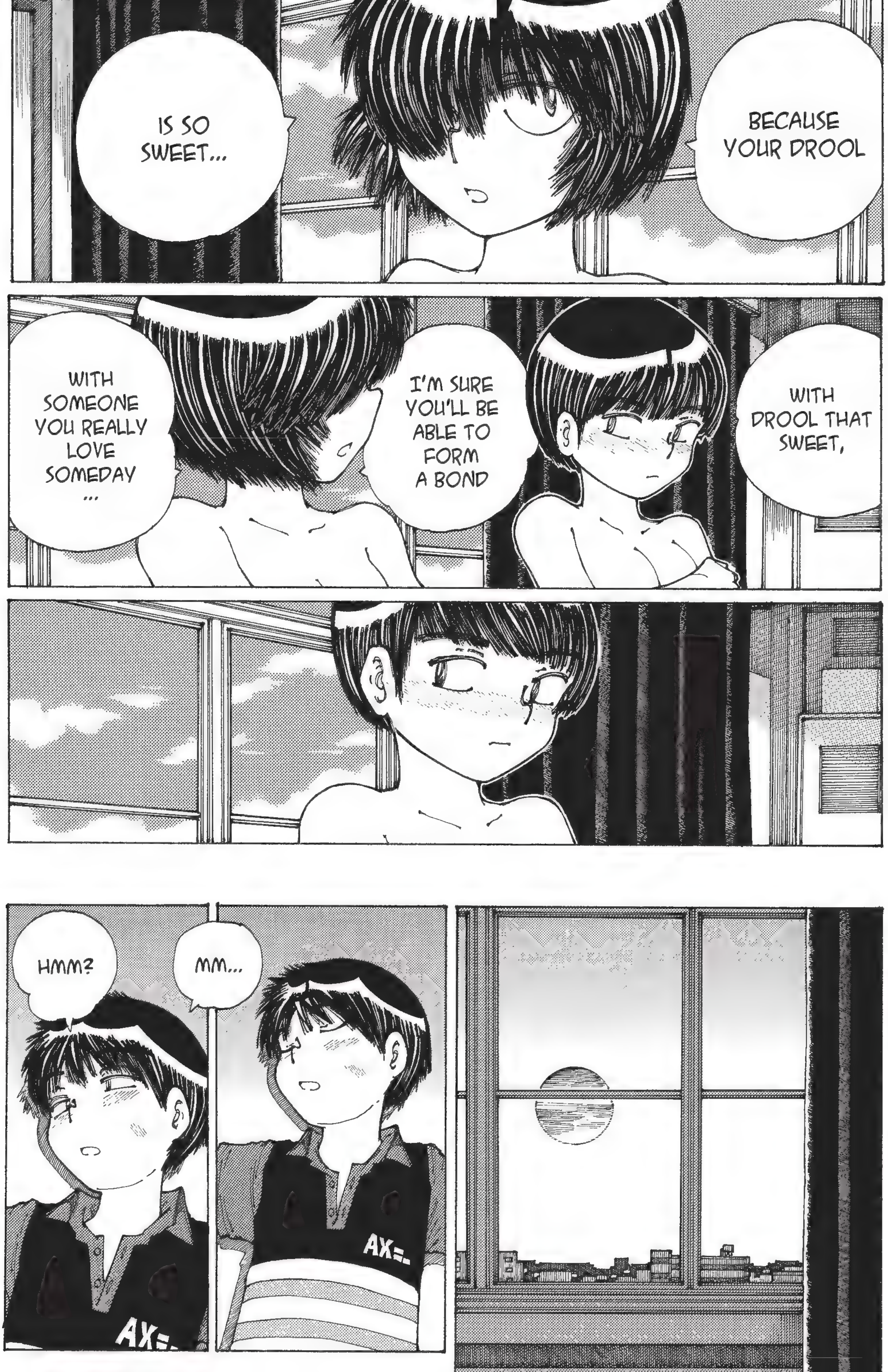

YEAH,
HE'S OUT COLD.
THAT WAS ONE STRONG...
NO, TWO STRONG SLAPS.
BUT...
HE LOOKS
VERY HAPPY...
AX=.
WELL, HE DID SEE HIS CURRENT GIRLFRIEND
AND HIS FORMER CRUSH NAKED AT THE SAME TIME...
I GUESS A SLAP OR TWO IS NOTHING.

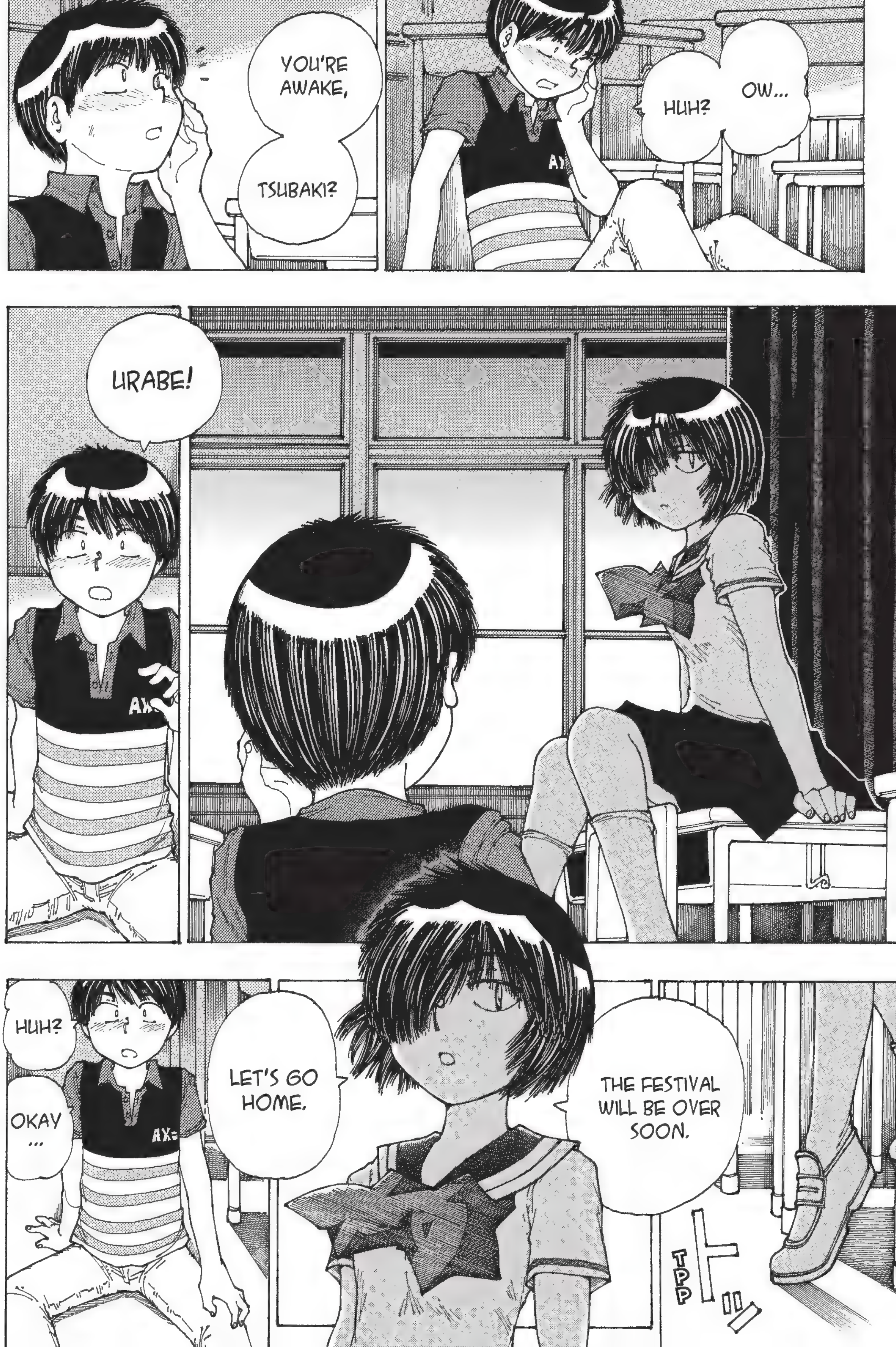

ANYWAY,
LOOK AT YOU TWO...
WHAT ON EARTH ARE YOU DOING,
ARGUING NAKED IN A CLASSROOM...?

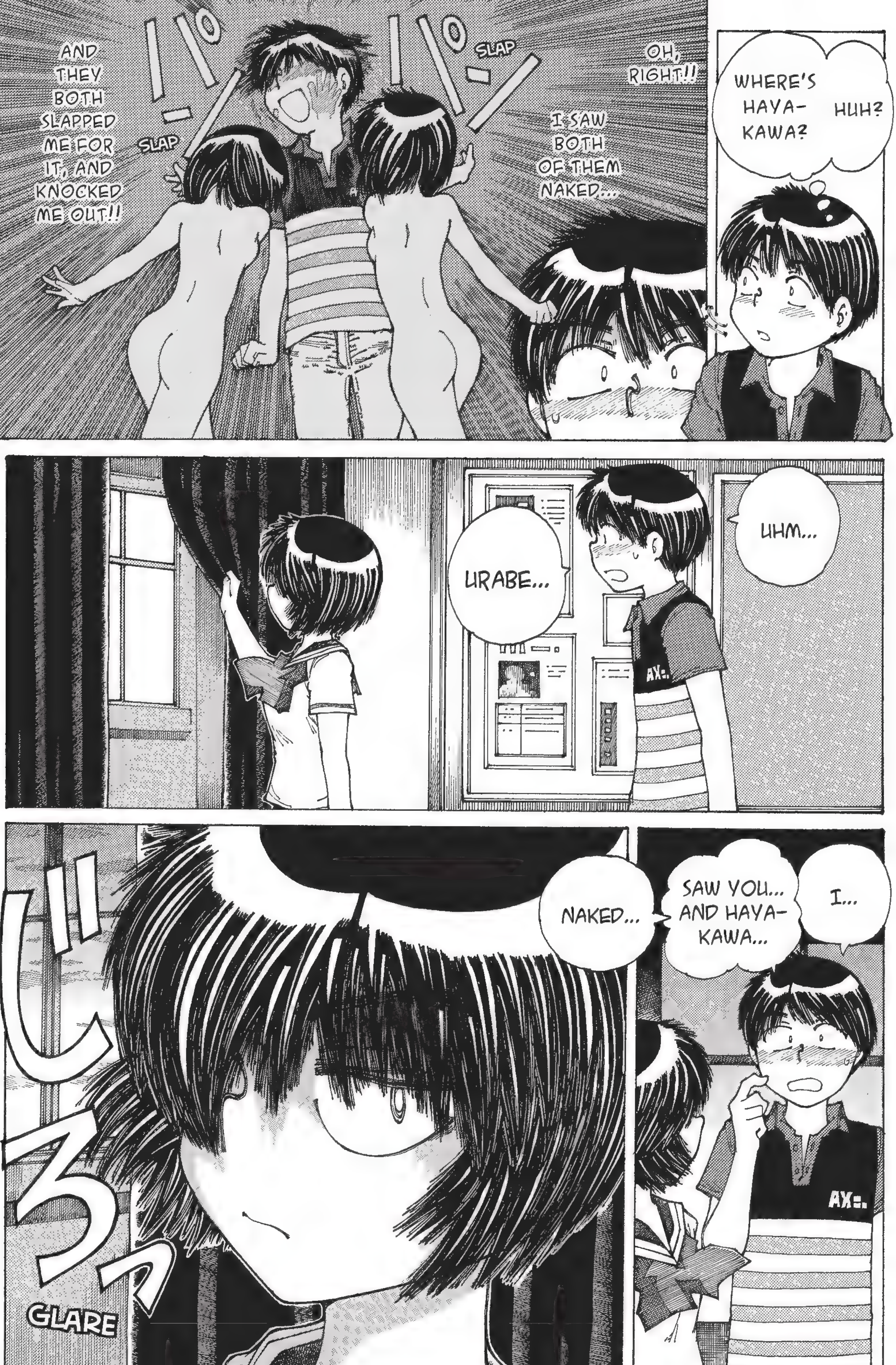
PFF...
HEH HEH HEH...
AH HA...
AH HA HA HA HA HA HA...
AH HA HA HA HA...
Y... YOU'RE RIGHT...
WHAT ON EARTH...
ARE WE DOING
STANDING HERE NAKED...?


URABE...
I WAS DEPRESSED AFTER BREAKING UP WITH MY BOYFRIEND,
BUT I HAD A LOT OF FUN THE PAST FEW DAYS...
IT'S BEEN STRANGELY SATISFYING...
WELL,
I'M SURE YOU AND TSUBAKI
WEREN'T TOO
HAPPY ABOUT
ME INTERFERING...
AX
BUT I HAD
A LOT OF FUN...
PLUS,
I GOT TO SEE SOMETHING FASCINATING...

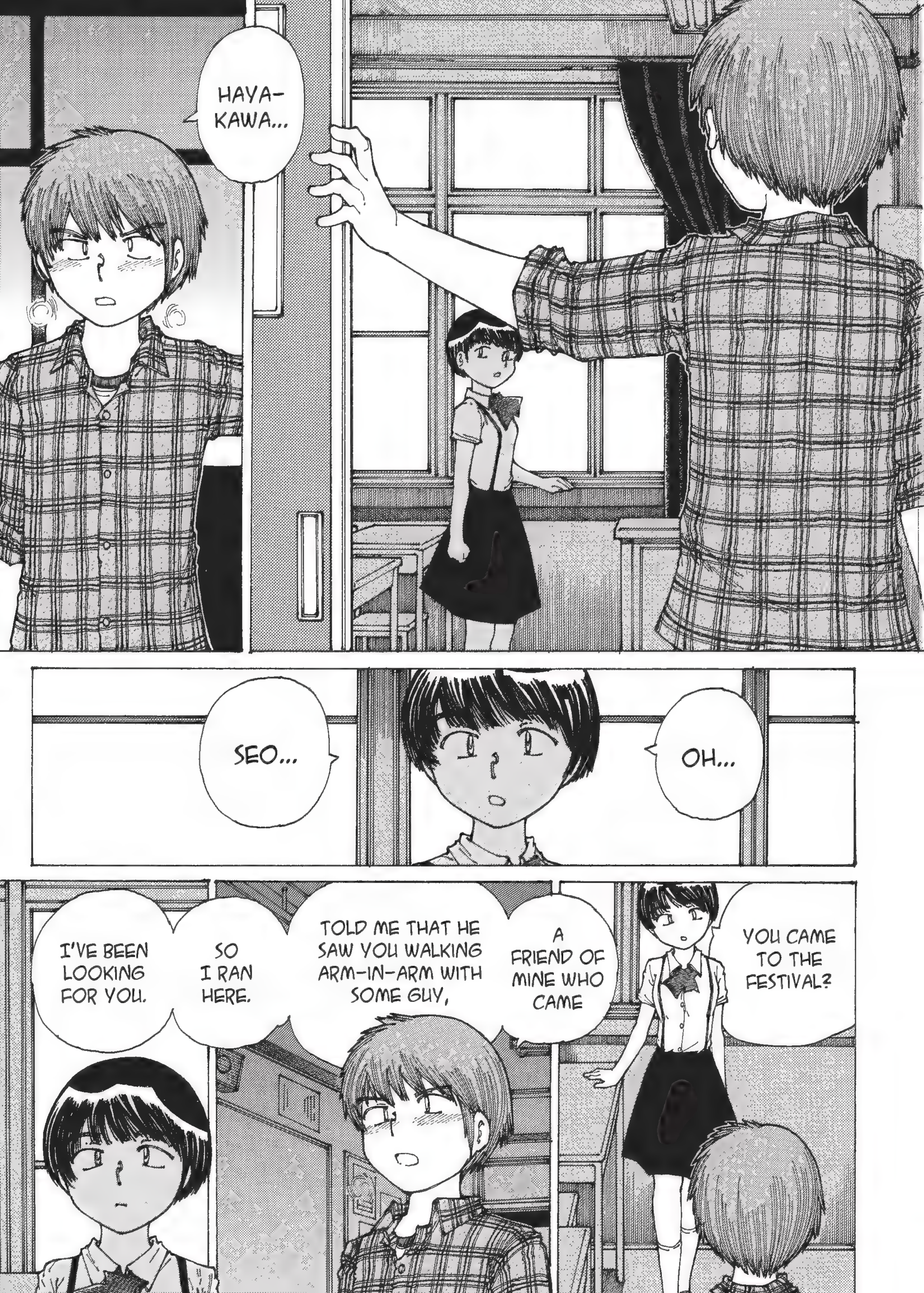

WHEN TSUBAKI'S NOSE STARTED BLEEDING AFTER HE TASTED YOUR DROOL,
I WAS SO SURPRISED.
A BOND OF DROOL...
SO THERE REALLY IS SUCH A THING...
I'M A LITTLE JEALOUS OF YOU TWO NOW...
I WONDER IF
I'LL EVER
FORM A BOND LIKE THAT WITH SOMEONE...
I THINK YOU WILL.

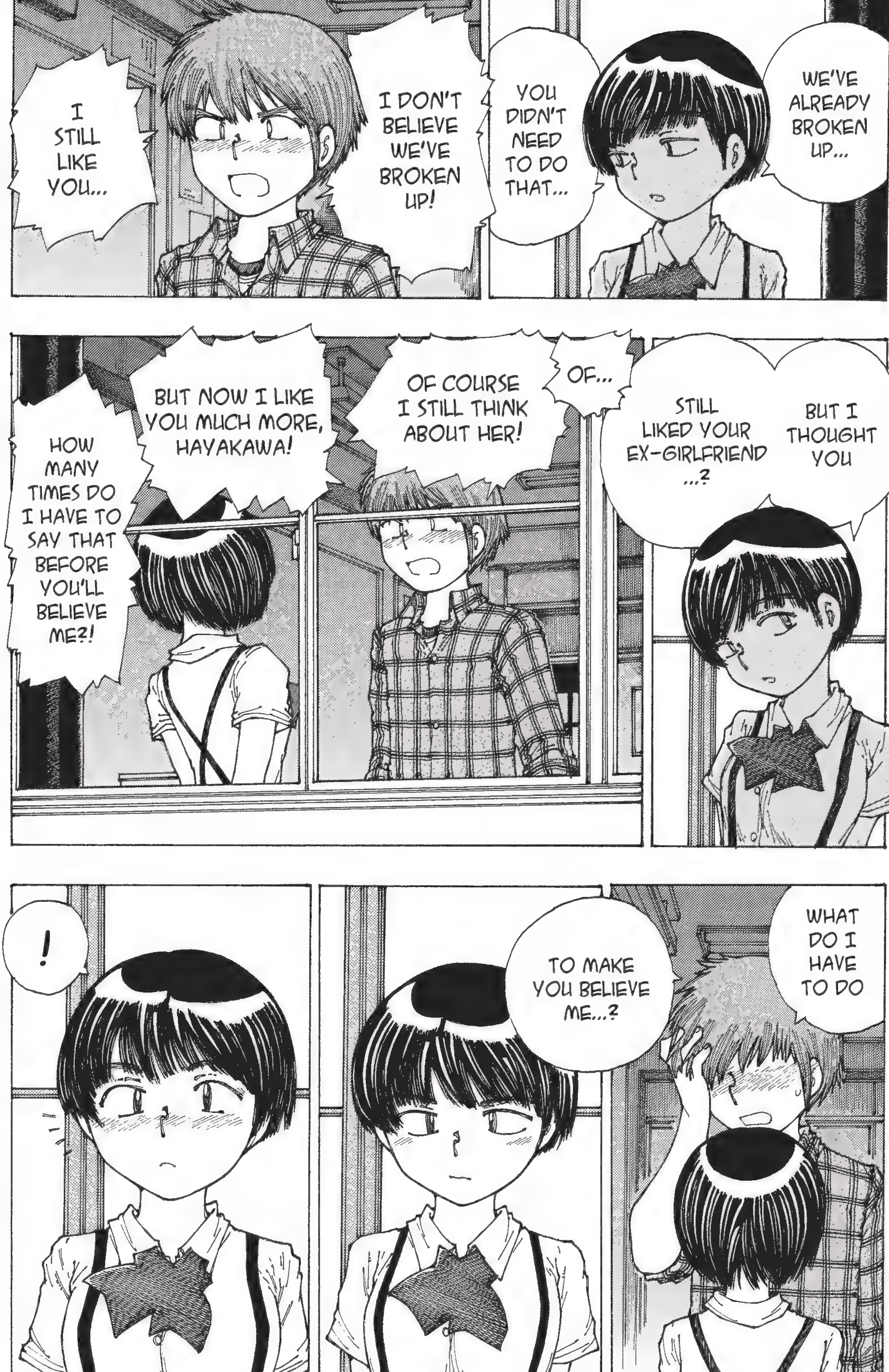

BECAUSE YOUR DROOL
IS SO SWEET...
WITH DROOL THAT SWEET,
I'M SURE YOU'LL BE ABLE TO FORM A BOND
WITH SOMEONE YOU REALLY LOVE SOMEDAY ...
MM...
AX=
HMM?
AX=


OW...
HUH?
YOU'RE AWAKE, TSUBAKI?
URABE!
THE FESTIVAL WILL BE OVER SOON.
LET'S GO HOME.
HUH?
OKAY ...
TPP

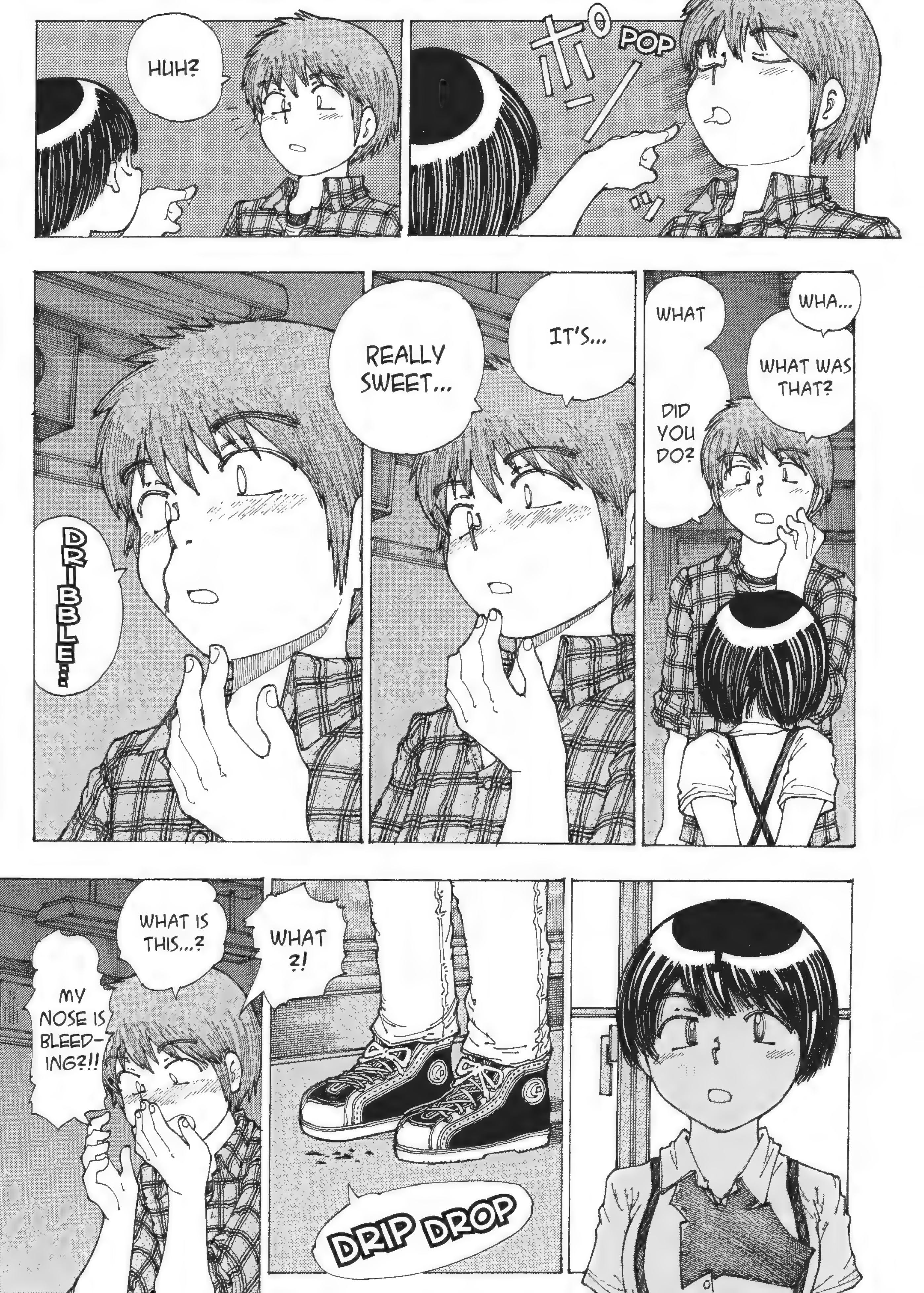

HUH?
WHERE'S HAYAKAWA?
OH, RIGHT!!
I SAW BOTH OF THEM NAKED...
パー
SLAP
パー
SLAP
AND THEY BOTH SLAPPED ME FOR IT, AND KNOCKED ME OUT!!
UHM...
URABE...
I...
SAW YOU... AND HAYAKAWA...
NAKED...
じろっ
GLARE

カタカタ…
RATTLE
GUESS I SHOULD
STEER CLEAR OF THAT TOPIC...
AX..
CAFE
ガラッ
SLIDE

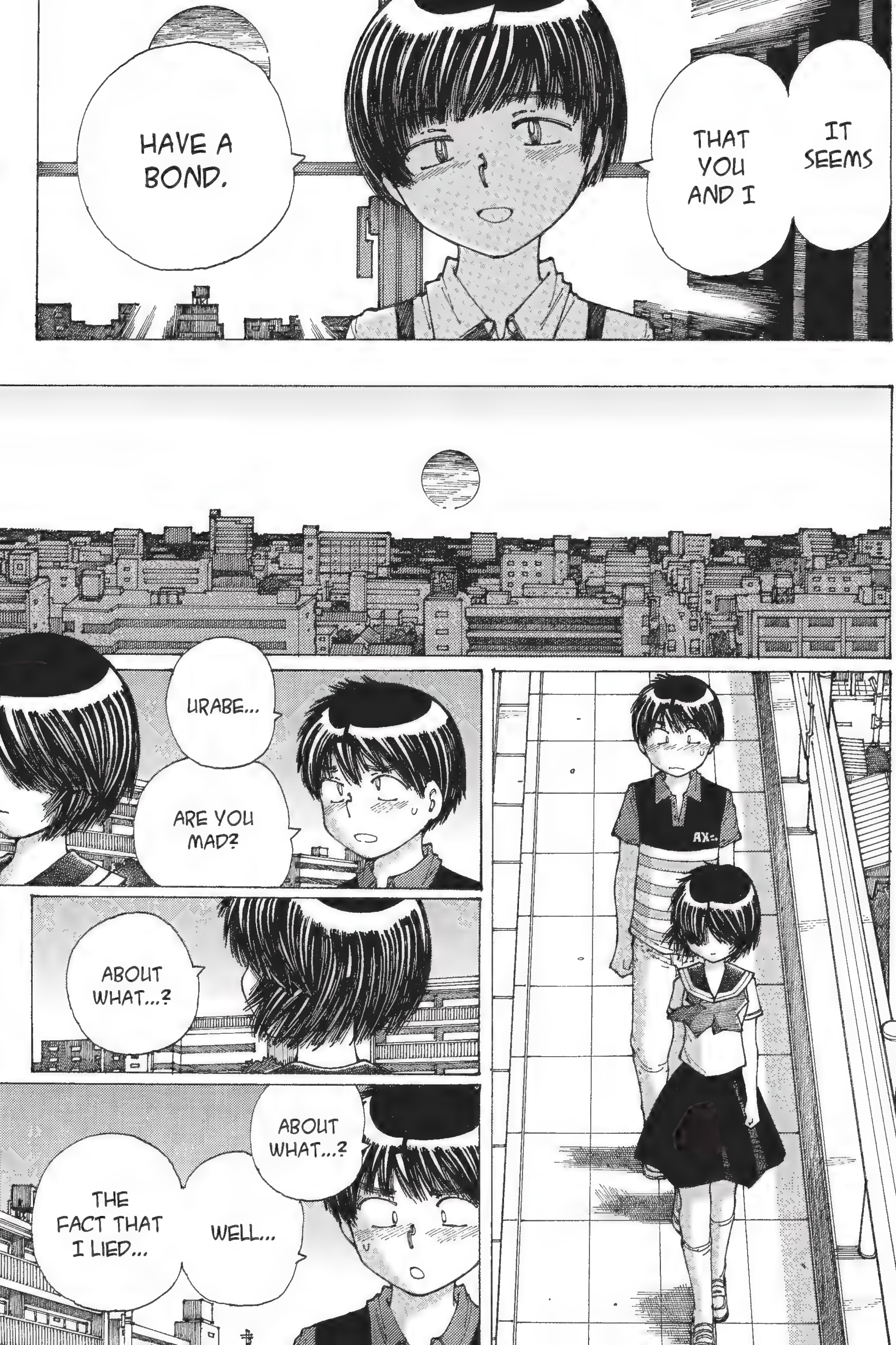

HAYA-KAWA...
OH...
SEO...
YOU CAME TO THE FESTIVAL?
A FRIEND OF MINE WHO CAME
TOLD ME THAT HE SAW YOU WALKING ARM-IN-ARM WITH SOME GUY,
SO I RAN HERE.
I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU.

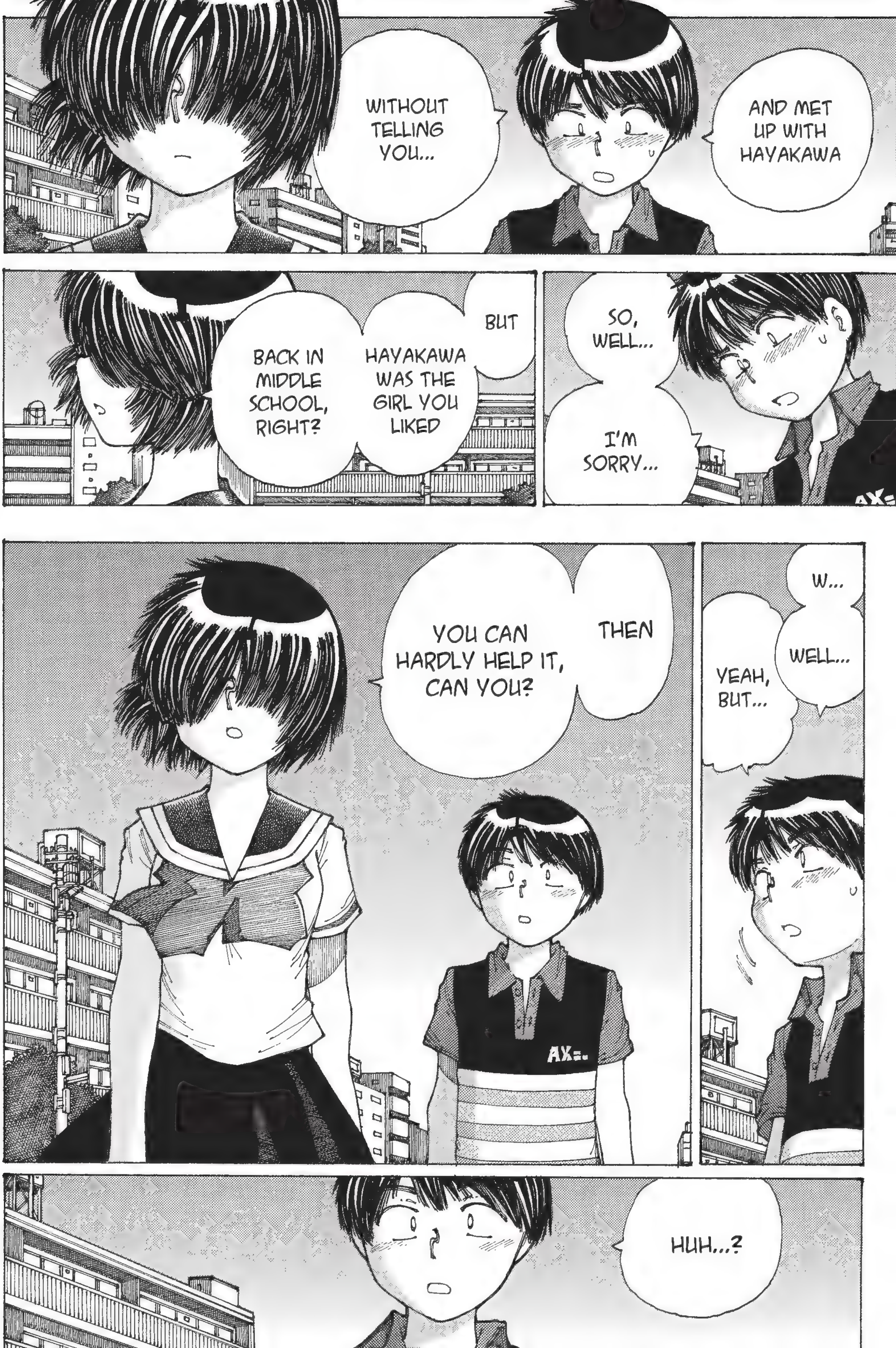

WE'VE ALREADY BROKEN UP...
YOU DIDN'T NEED TO DO THAT...
I DON'T BELIEVE WE'VE BROKEN UP!
I STILL LIKE YOU...
BUT I THOUGHT YOU
STILL LIKED YOUR EX-GIRLFRIEND ...?
OF...
OF COURSE I STILL THINK ABOUT HER!
BUT NOW I LIKE YOU MUCH MORE, HAYAKAWA!
HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO SAY THAT BEFORE YOU'LL BELIEVE ME?!
WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO
TO MAKE YOU BELIEVE ME...?
!

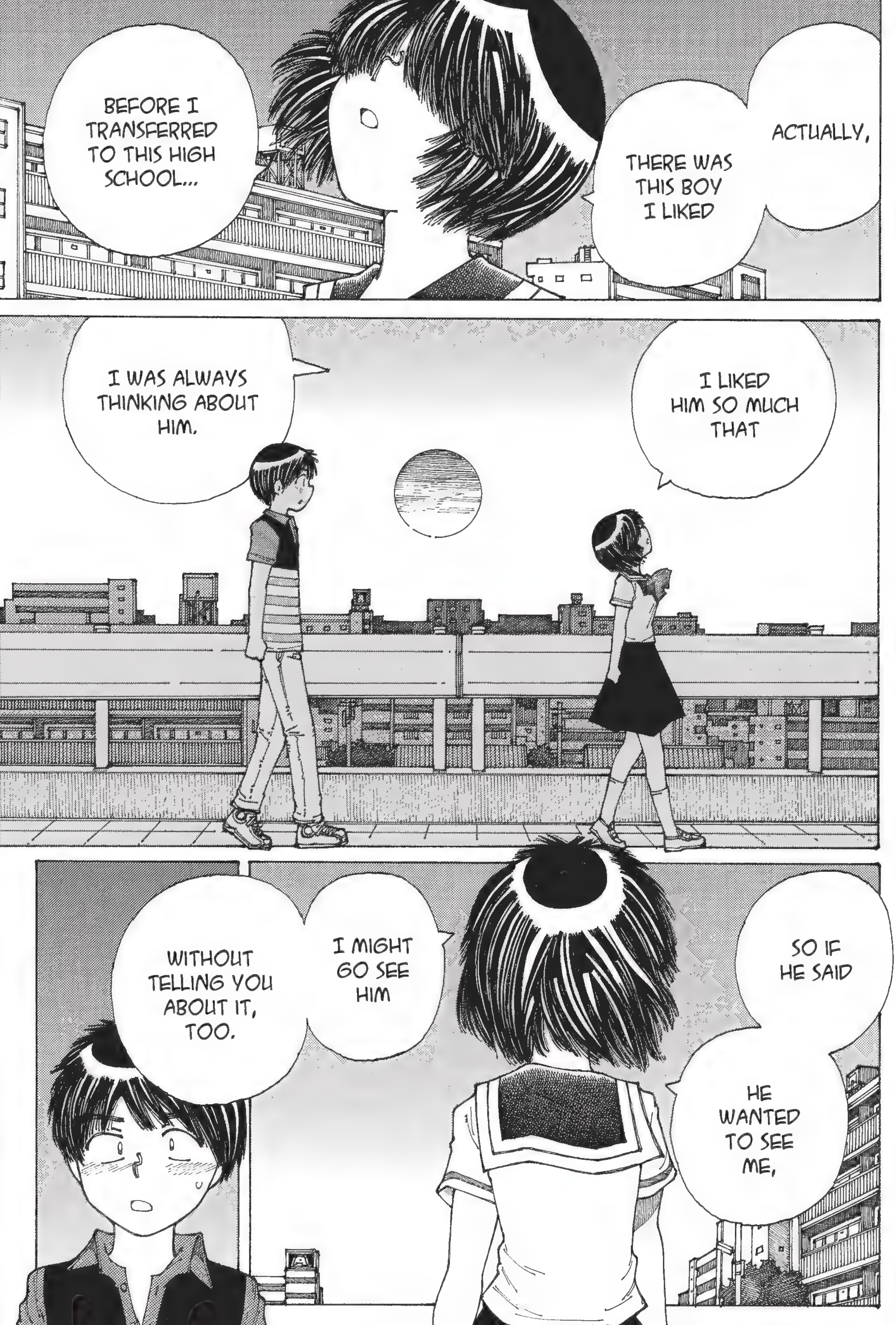
SHLP

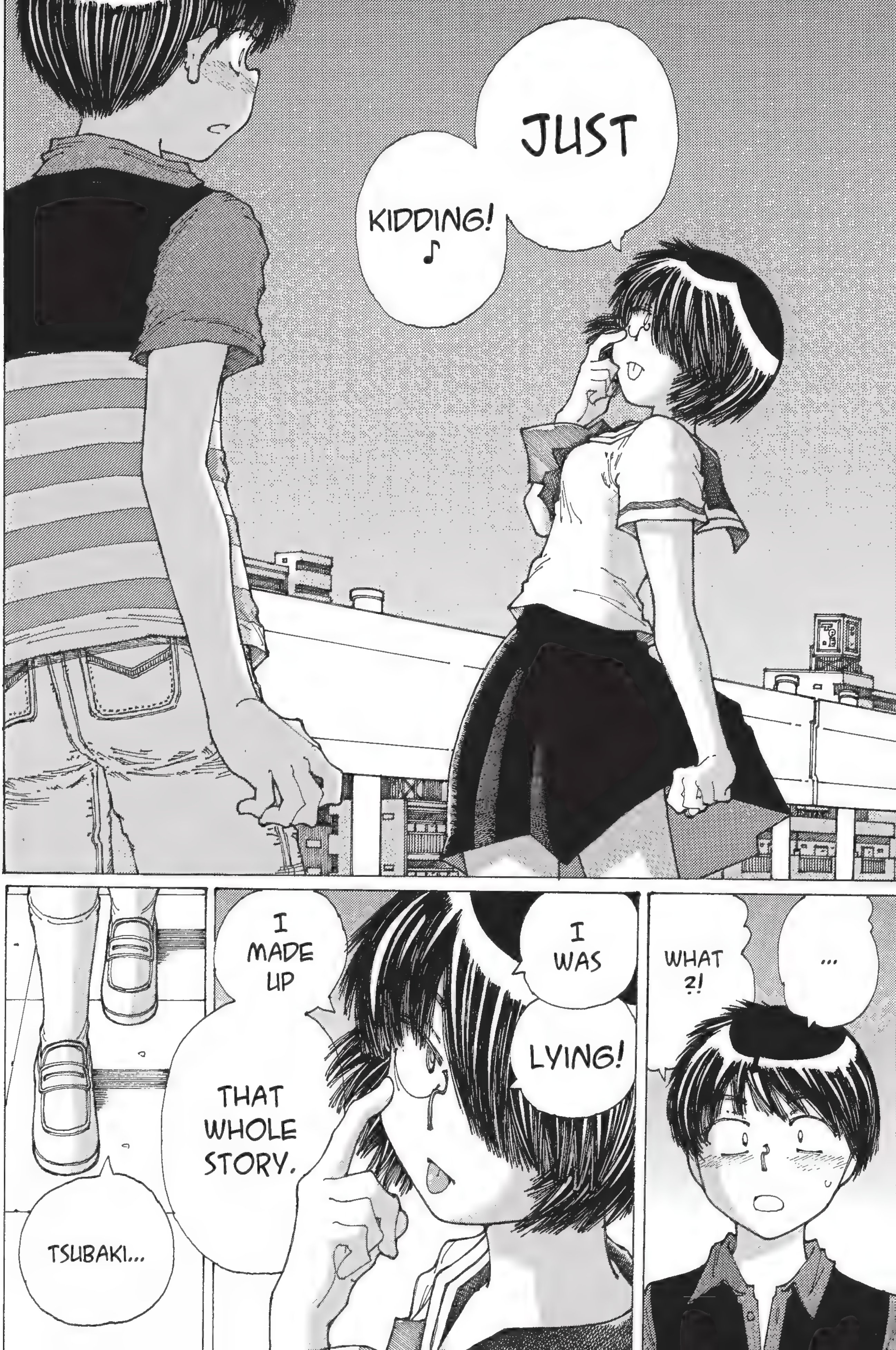

POP
HUH?
WHA...
WHAT WAS THAT?
WHAT DID YOU DO?
IT'S...
REALLY SWEET...
DRIBBLE...
DRIP DROP
WHAT?!
WHAT IS THIS...?
MY NOSE IS BLEEDING?!!

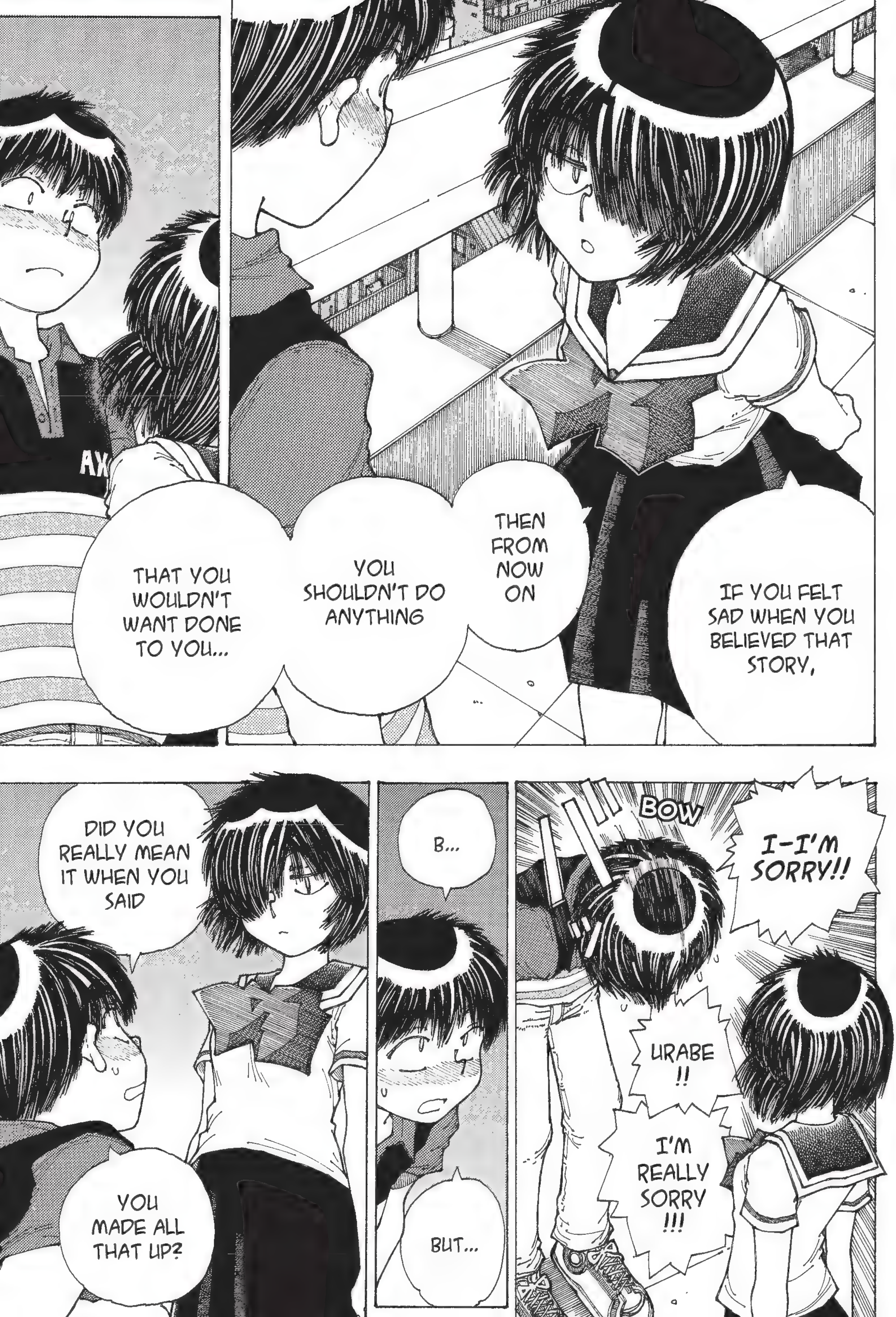
WH... WHY DID MY NOSE JUST...
SEO,
IT'S BECAUSE...
I'M VERY EXCITED RIGHT NOW...
AND YOU COULD SENSE MY FEELINGS.
WHAT...?!

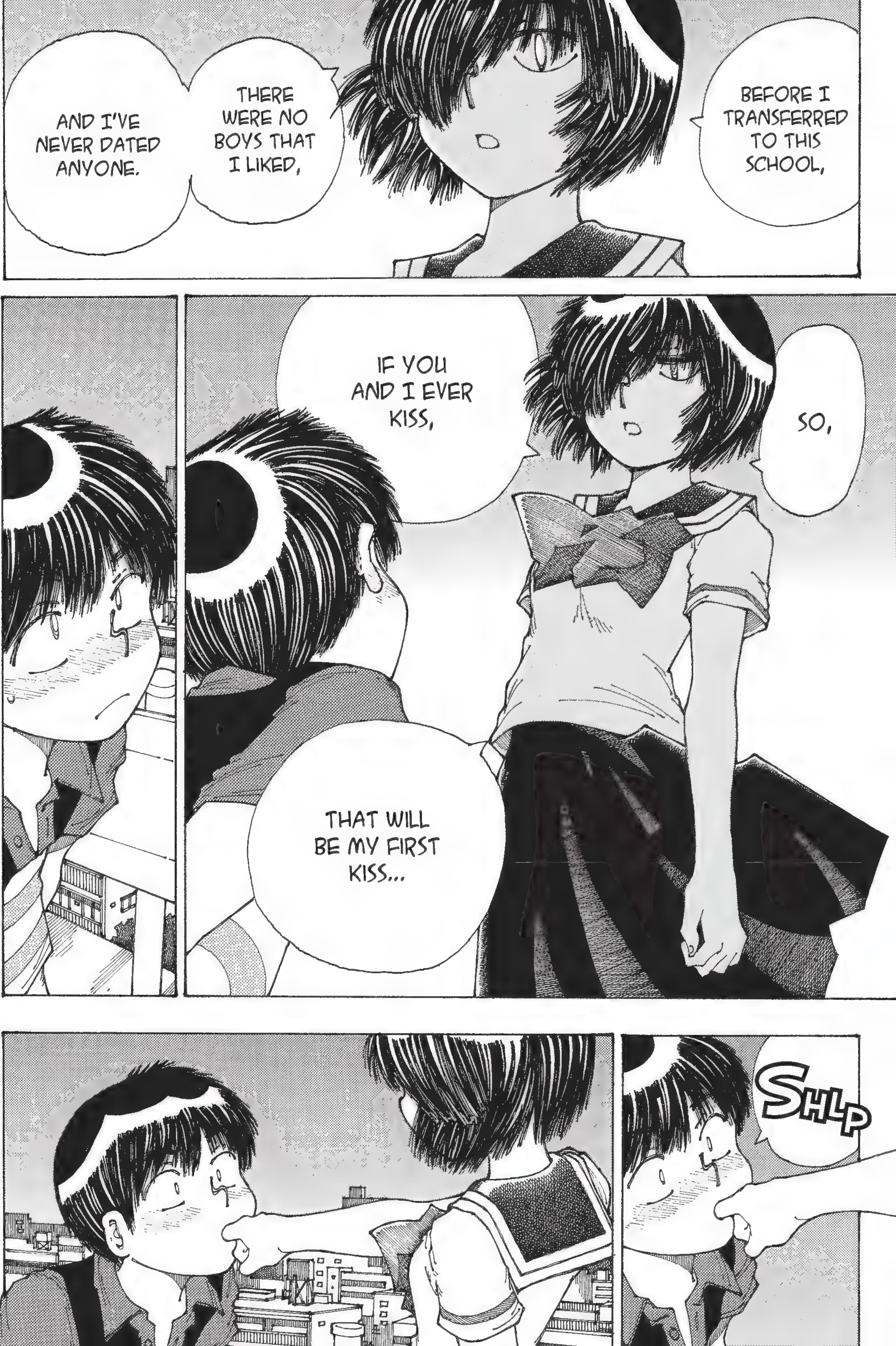

IT SEEMS
THAT YOU AND I
HAVE A BOND.
URABE...
ARE YOU MAD?
ABOUT WHAT...?
ABOUT WHAT...?
WELL...
THE FACT THAT I LIED...
AX

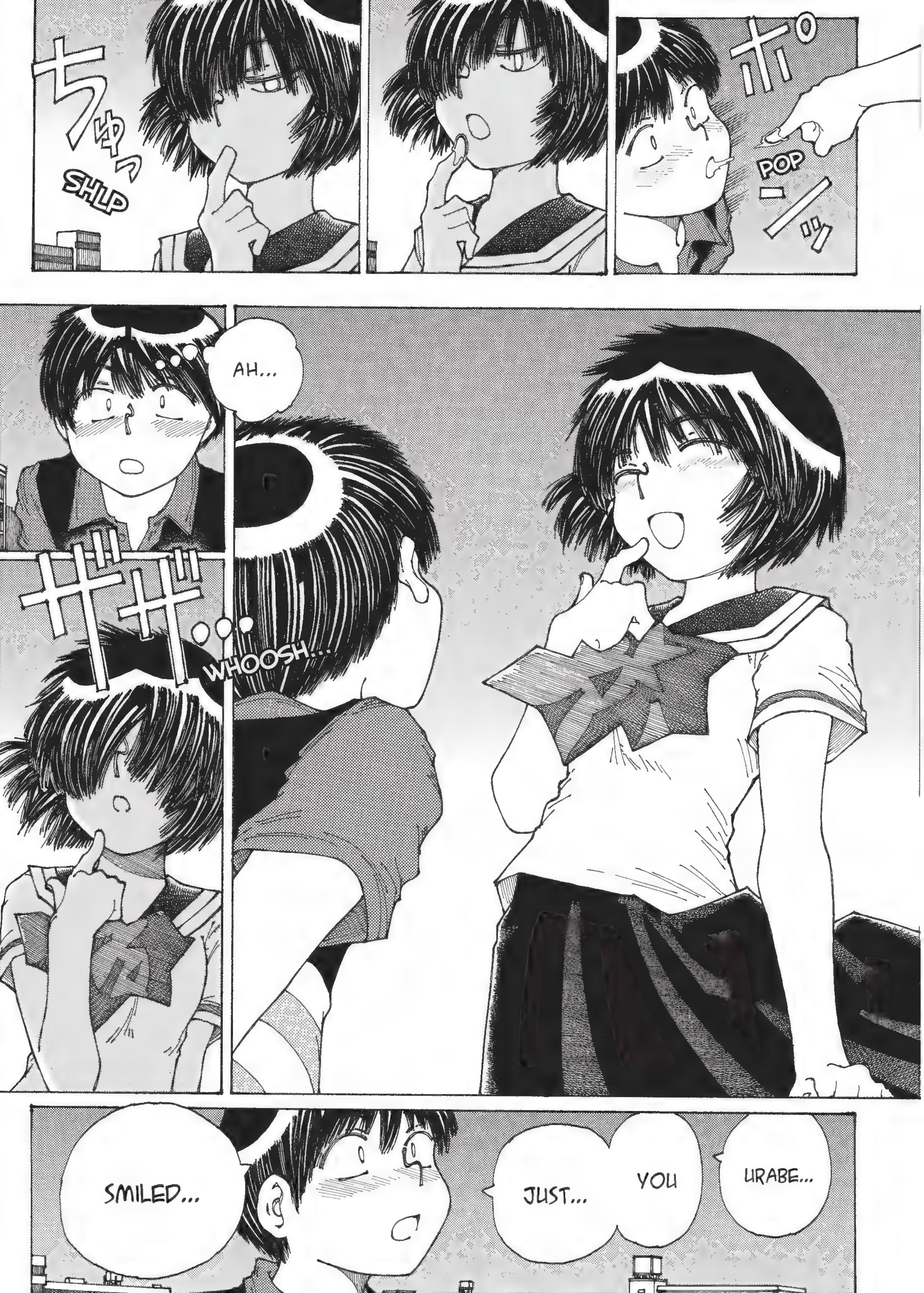

AND MET UP WITH HAYAKAWA
WITHOUT TELLING YOU...
SO, WELL...
I'M SORRY...
BUT
HAYAKAWA WAS THE GIRL YOU LIKED
BACK IN MIDDLE SCHOOL, RIGHT?
W...
WELL...
YEAH, BUT...
THEN
YOU CAN HARDLY HELP IT, CAN YOU?
AX=.
HUH...?

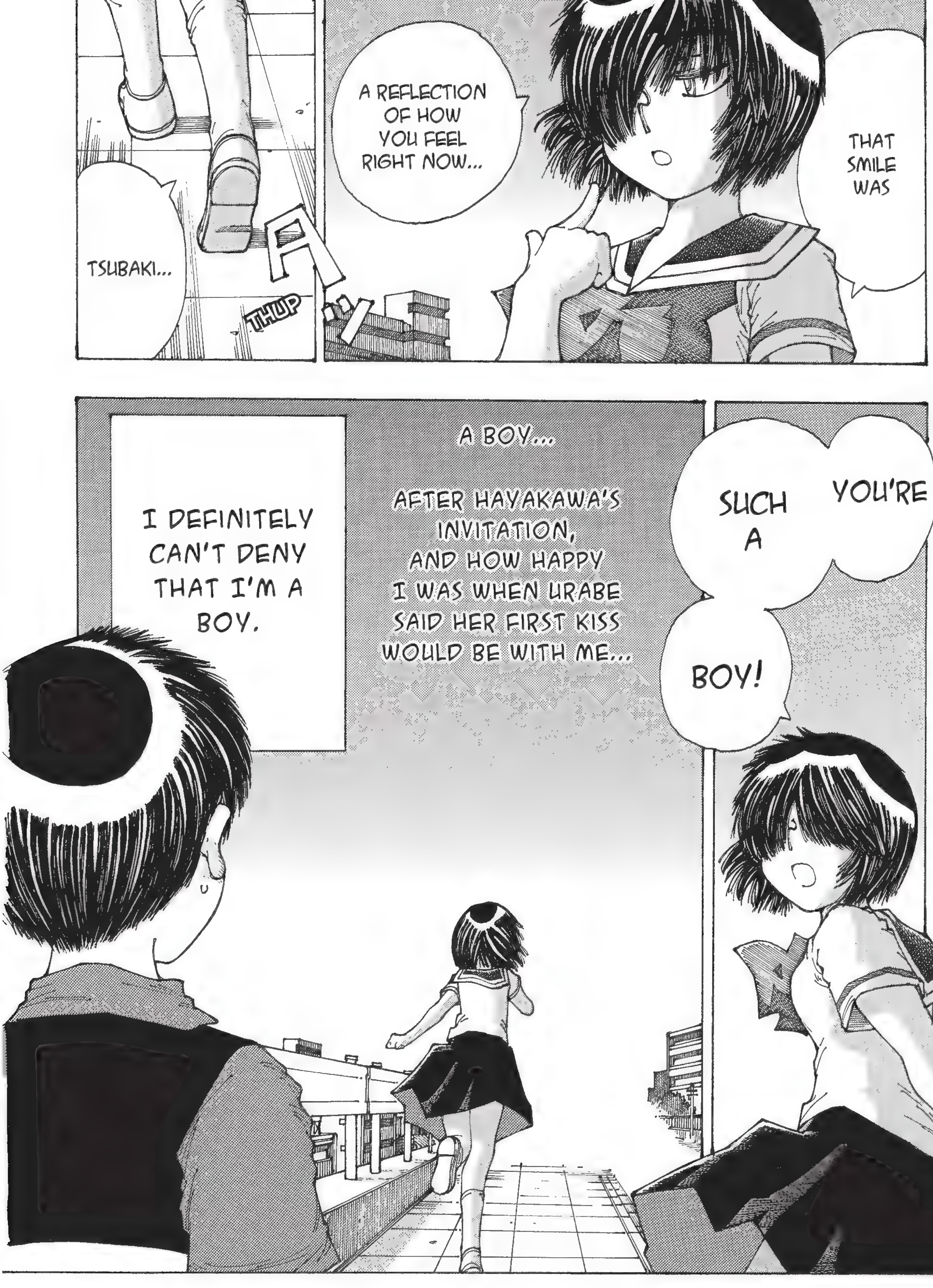

ACTUALLY,
THERE WAS THIS BOY I LIKED
BEFORE I TRANSFERRED TO THIS HIGH SCHOOL...
I LIKED HIM SO MUCH THAT
I WAS ALWAYS THINKING ABOUT HIM.
SO IF HE SAID
HE WANTED TO SEE ME,
I MIGHT GO SEE HIM
WITHOUT TELLING YOU ABOUT IT, TOO.


JUST KIDDING! ♪
...
WHAT ?!
I WAS LYING!
I MADE UP THAT WHOLE STORY.
TSUBAKI...


IF YOU FELT SAD WHEN YOU BELIEVED THAT STORY,
THEN FROM NOW ON
YOU SHOULDN'T DO ANYTHING
THAT YOU WOULDN'T WANT DONE TO YOU...
DID YOU REALLY MEAN IT WHEN YOU SAID
YOU MADE ALL THAT UP?
B...
BUT...
BOW
I-I'M SORRY!!
URABE !!
I'M REALLY SORRY !!!


BEFORE I TRANSFERRED TO THIS SCHOOL,
THERE WERE NO BOYS THAT I LIKED,
AND I'VE NEVER DATED ANYONE.
SO,
IF YOU AND I EVER KISS,
THAT WILL BE MY FIRST KISS...
SHLP


ポーッ
POP
ちゅっ
SHLP
AH...
ザザ...
WHOOSH...
URABE...
YOU
JUST...
SMILED...


THAT SMILE WAS
A REFLECTION OF HOW YOU FEEL RIGHT NOW...
TSUBAKI...
THUP
YOU'RE SUCH A BOY!
A BOY...
AFTER HAYAKAWA'S INVITATION, AND HOW HAPPY I WAS WHEN URABE SAID HER FIRST KISS WOULD BE WITH ME...
I DEFINITELY CAN'T DENY THAT I'M A BOY.

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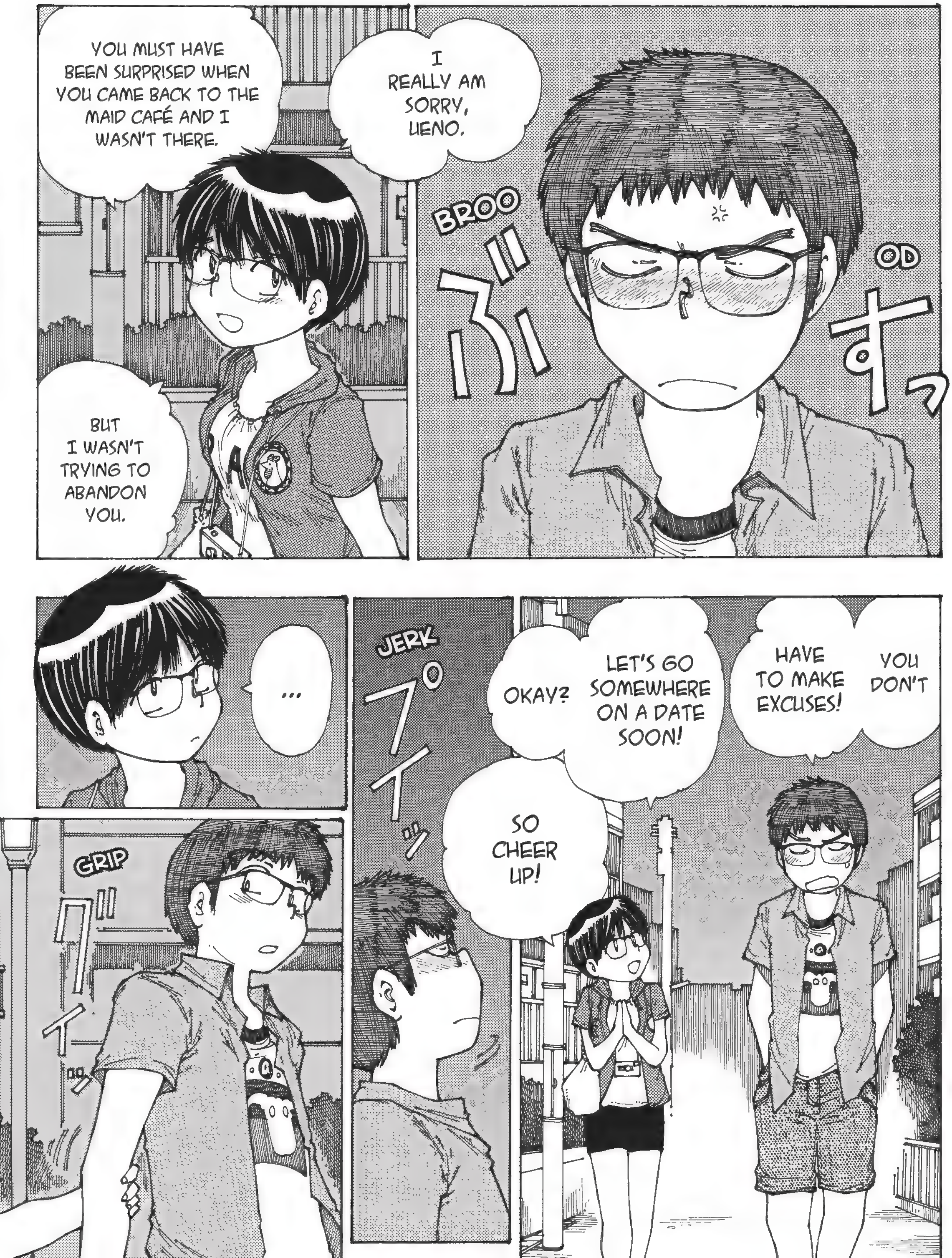
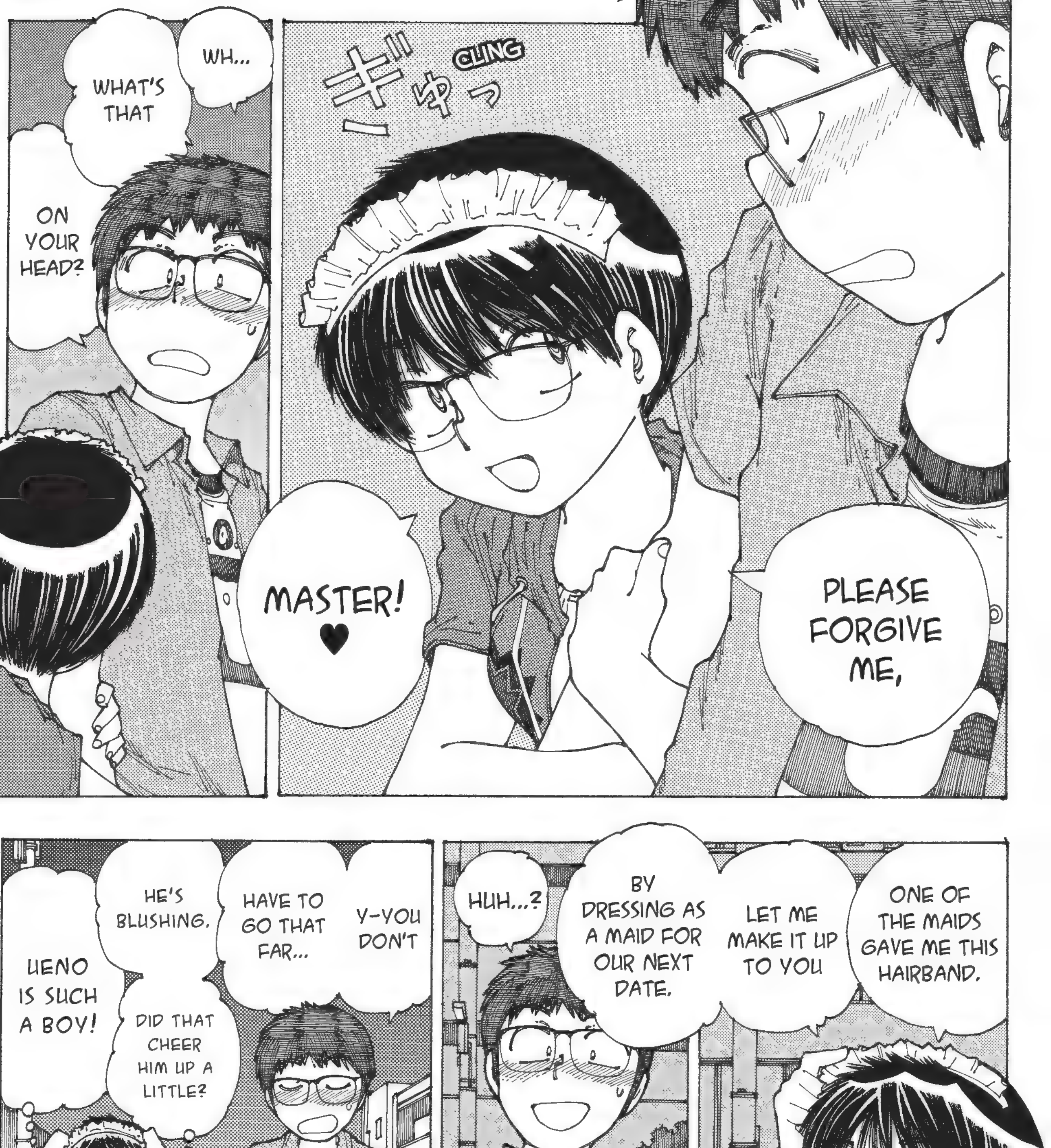
OKA X UENO


BROO
ぶ
OD
すっ
I REALLY AM SORRY, UENO.
YOU MUST HAVE BEEN SURPRISED WHEN YOU CAME BACK TO THE MAID CAFÉ AND I WASN'T THERE.
BUT I WASN'T TRYING TO ABANDON YOU.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO MAKE EXCUSES!
LET'S GO SOMEWHERE ON A DATE SOON!
OKAY?
SO CHEER UP!
JERK
プイッ
...
GRIP
グイッ


PLEASE FORGIVE ME,
MASTER! ♥
ぎゅっ
CLING
WH...
WHAT'S THAT ON YOUR HEAD?
ONE OF THE MAIDS GAVE ME THIS HAIRBAND.
LET ME MAKE IT UP TO YOU
BY DRESSING AS A MAID FOR OUR NEXT DATE.
HUH...?
AH...
NO...
AHEM
Y-YOU DON'T
HAVE TO GO THAT FAR...
HE'S BLUSHING.
UENO IS SUCH A BOY!
DID THAT CHEER HIM UP A LITTLE?

END OF CHAPTER 34

WATER
TEL
VISITOR FRO
OUT OF SPACE
1947 ROSWELL
E·T THE MYSTERY
Mimi
CUTE

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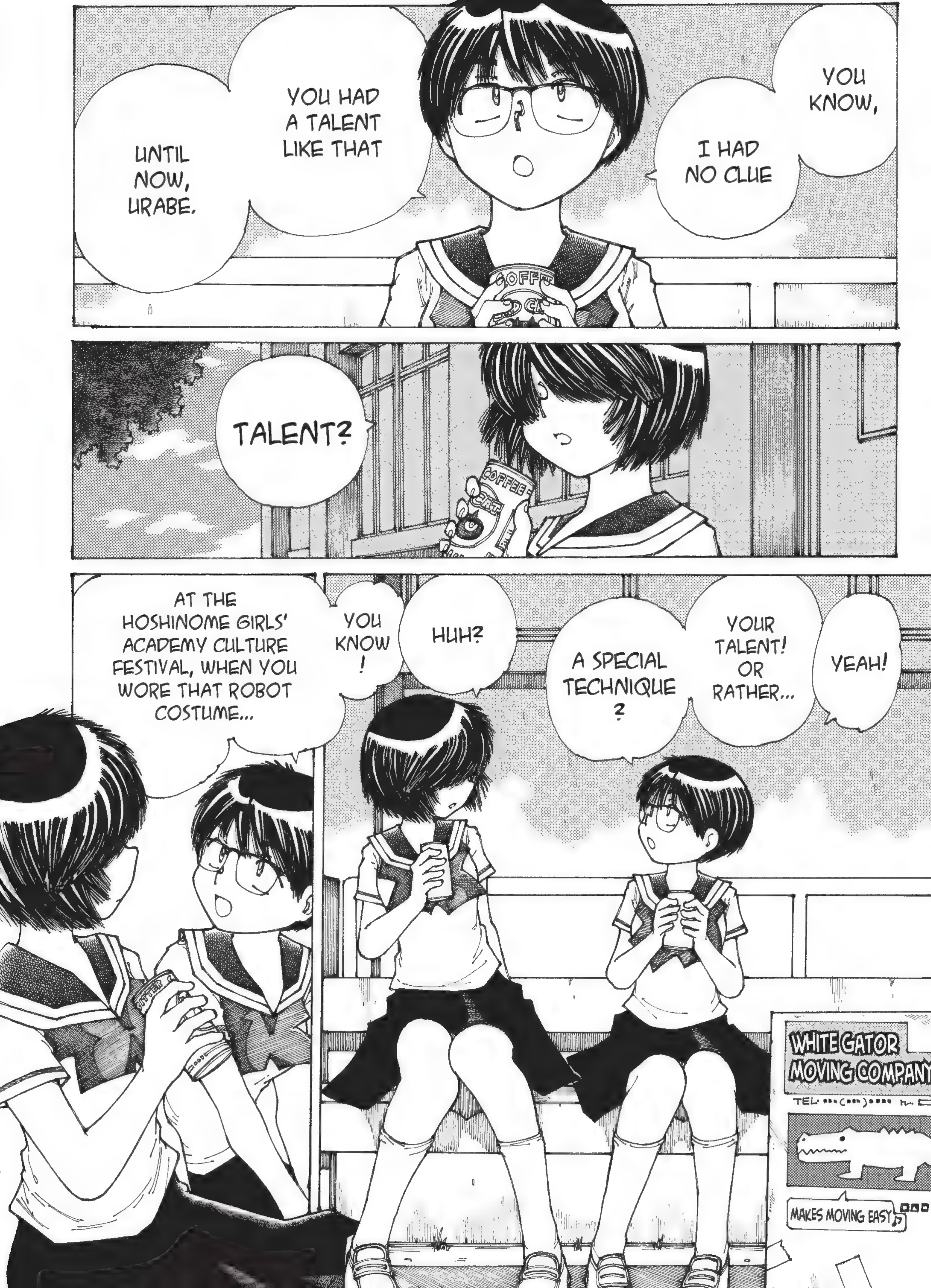
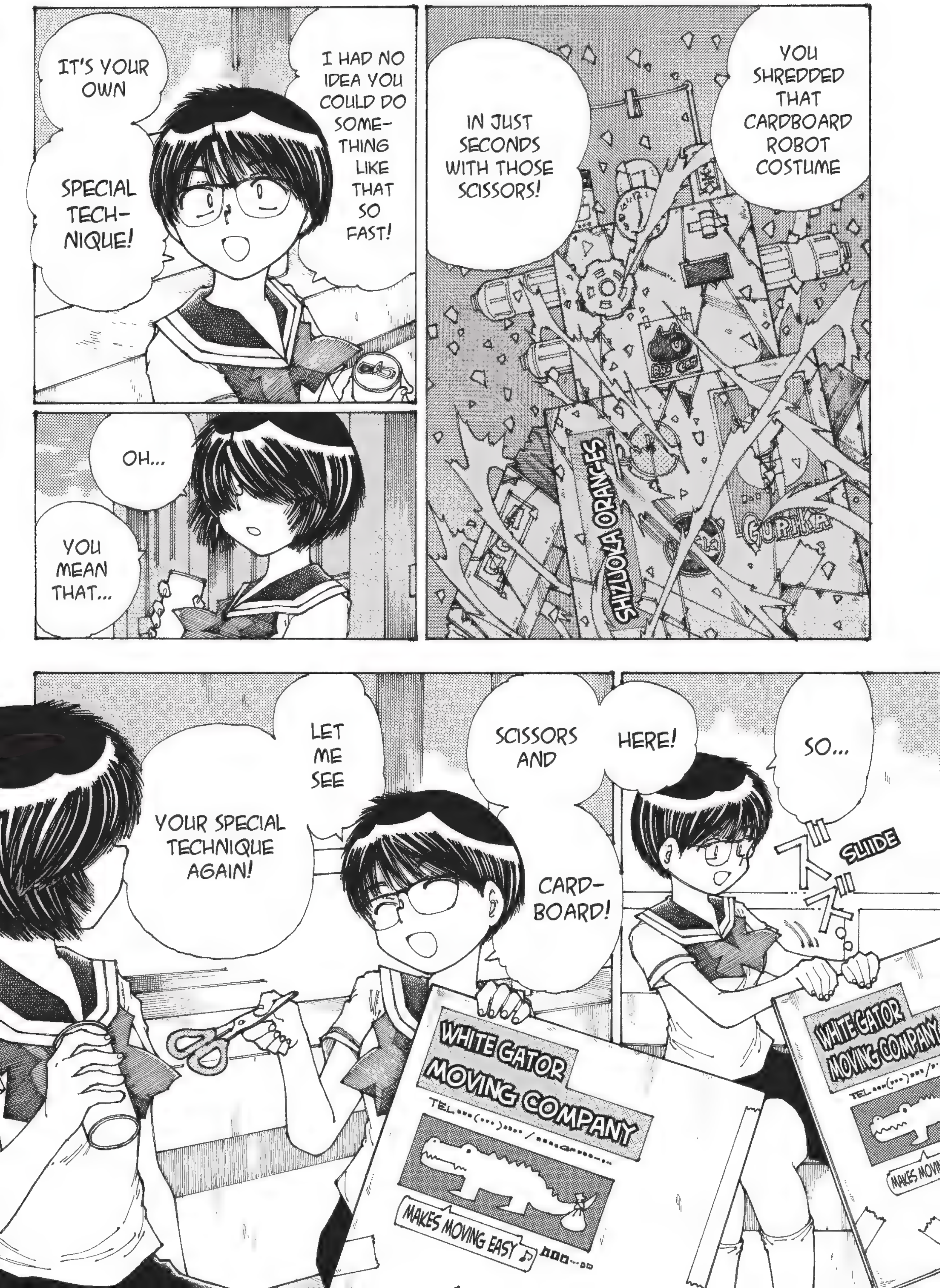
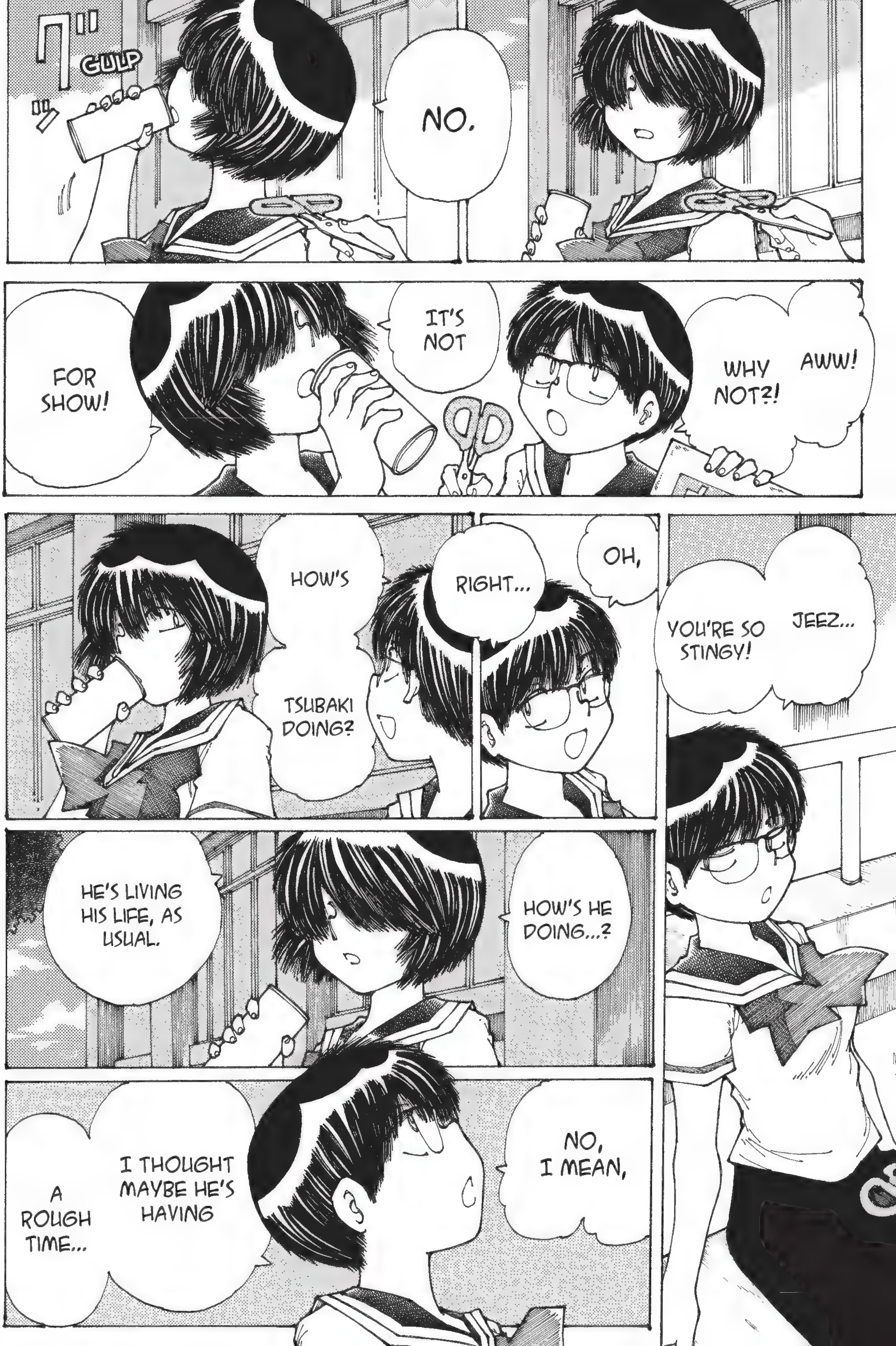
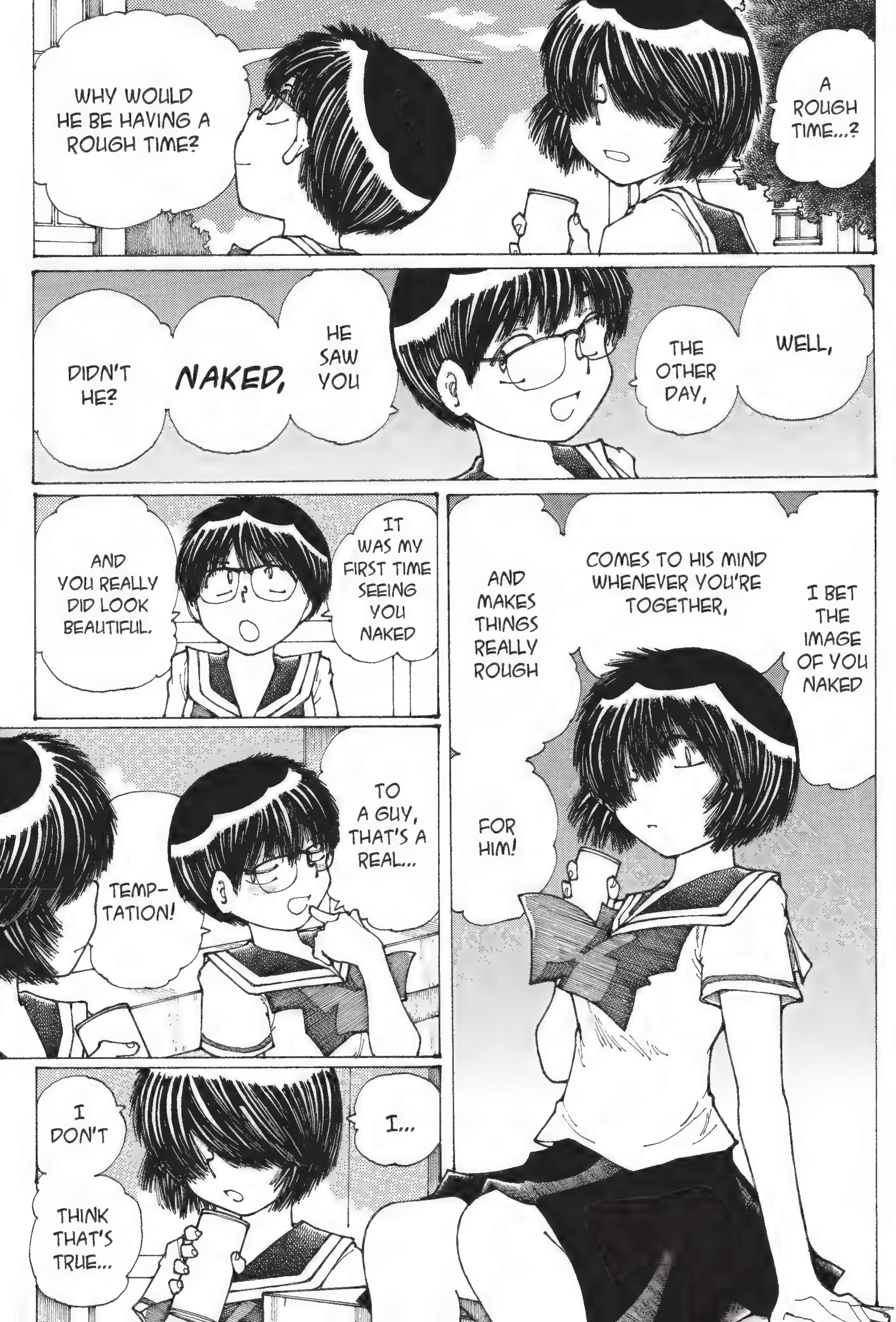
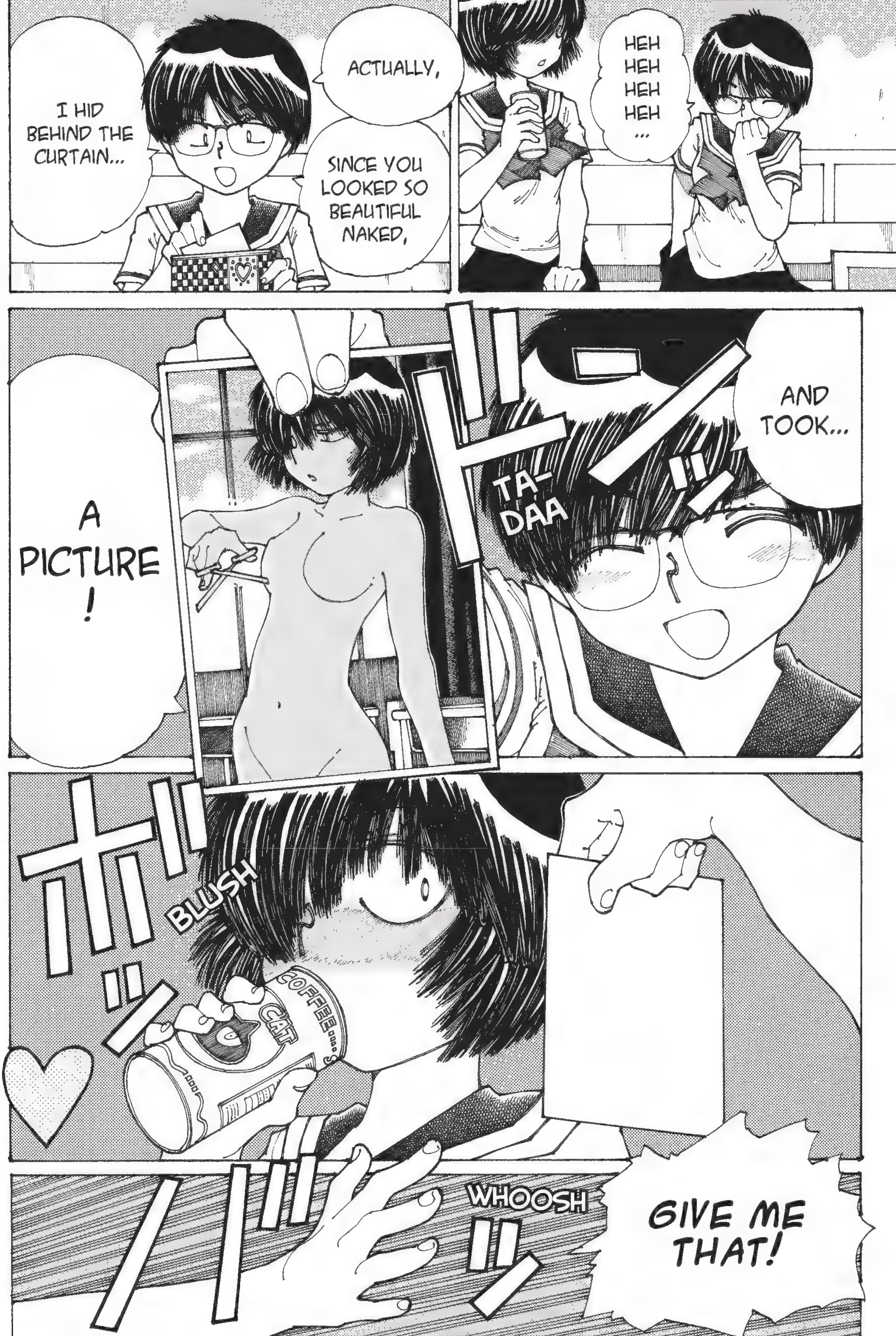
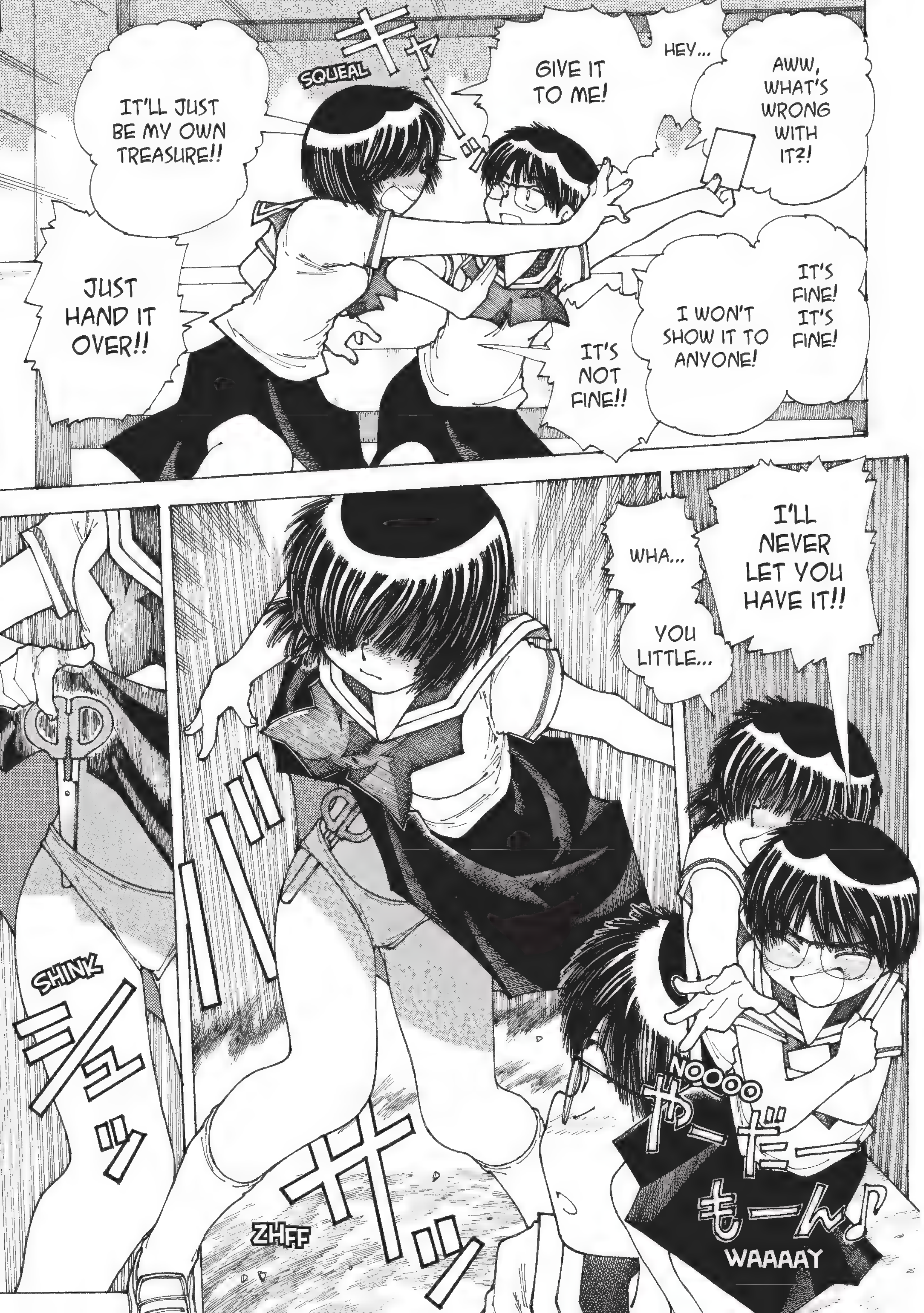

YOU KNOW,
I HAD NO CLUE
YOU HAD A TALENT LIKE THAT
UNTIL NOW, URABE.
COFFEE CAT
TALENT?
YEAH!
YOUR TALENT! OR RATHER...
A SPECIAL TECHNIQUE?
HUH?
YOU KNOW!
AT THE HOSHINOME GIRLS' ACADEMY CULTURE FESTIVAL, WHEN YOU WORE THAT ROBOT COSTUME...
WHITE GATOR MOVING COMPANY
MAKES MOVING EASY♪

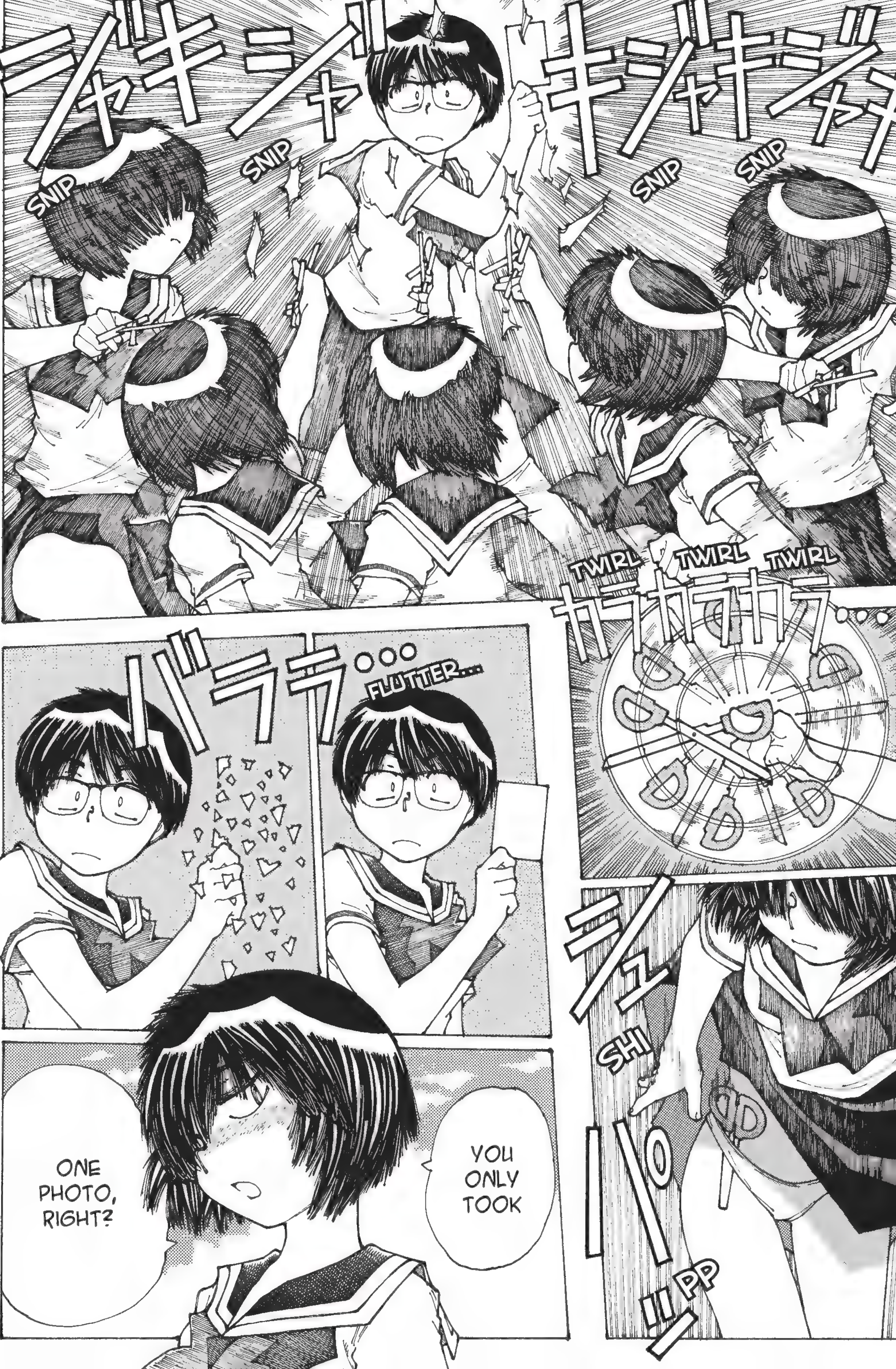

YOU SHREDDED THAT CARDBOARD ROBOT COSTUME
IN JUST SECONDS WITH THOSE SCISSORS!
SHIZUOKA ORANGES
GURIKA
I HAD NO IDEA YOU COULD DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT SO FAST!
IT'S YOUR OWN
SPECIAL TECHNIQUE!
OH...
YOU MEAN THAT...
SO...
SLIDE
WHITE GATOR MOVING COMPANY
MAKES MOVING
HERE!
SCISSORS AND
CARDBOARD!
WHITE GATOR MOVING COMPANY
TEL
MAKES MOVING EASY
LET ME SEE
YOUR SPECIAL TECHNIQUE AGAIN!

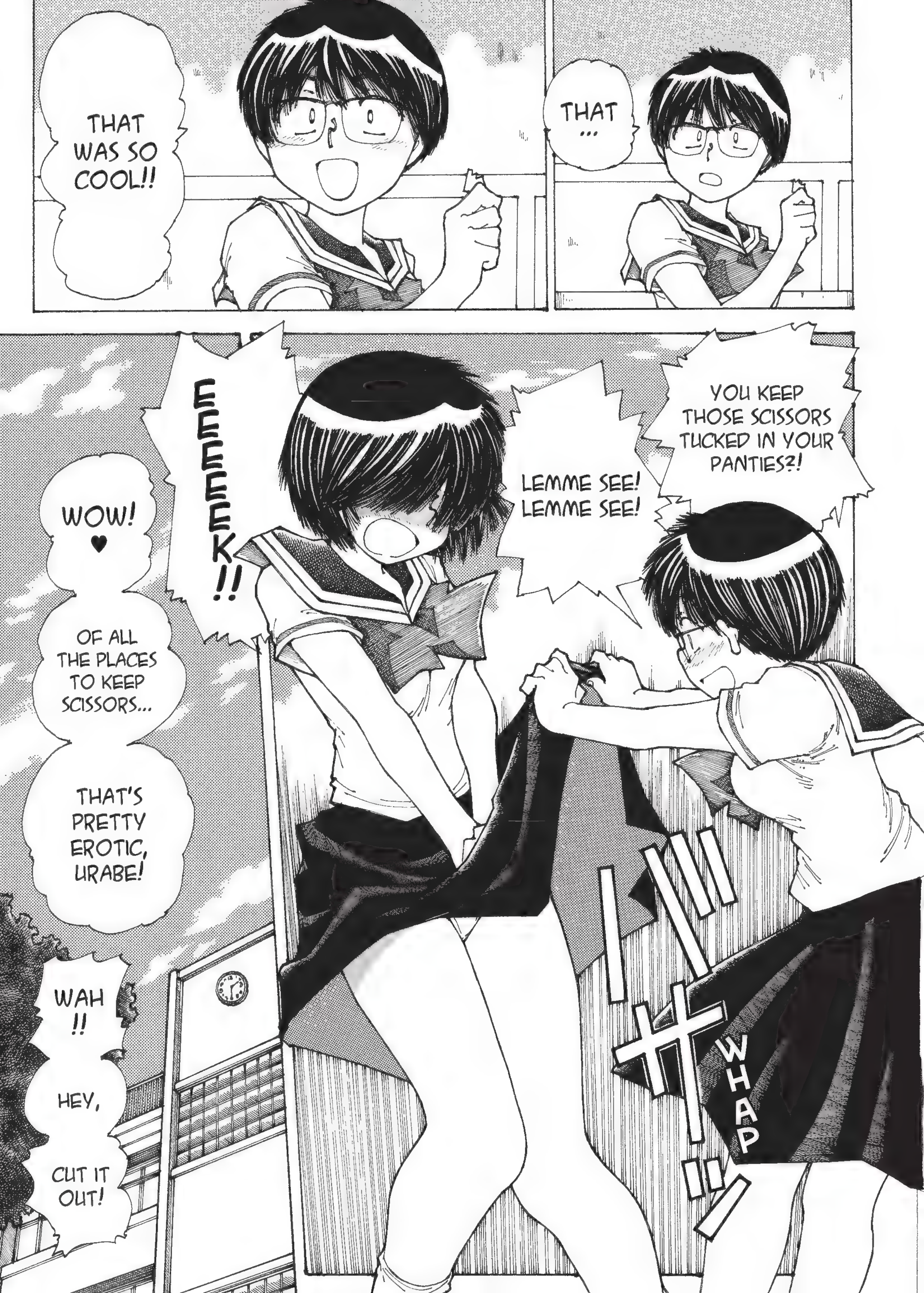

ゴッ GULP
ッ
NO.
AWW!
WHY NOT?!
IT'S NOT
FOR SHOW!
JEEZ...
YOU'RE SO STINGY!
OH,
RIGHT...
HOW'S
TSUBAKI DOING?
HOW'S HE DOING...?
HE'S LIVING HIS LIFE, AS USUAL.
NO, I MEAN,
I THOUGHT MAYBE HE'S HAVING
A ROUGH TIME...

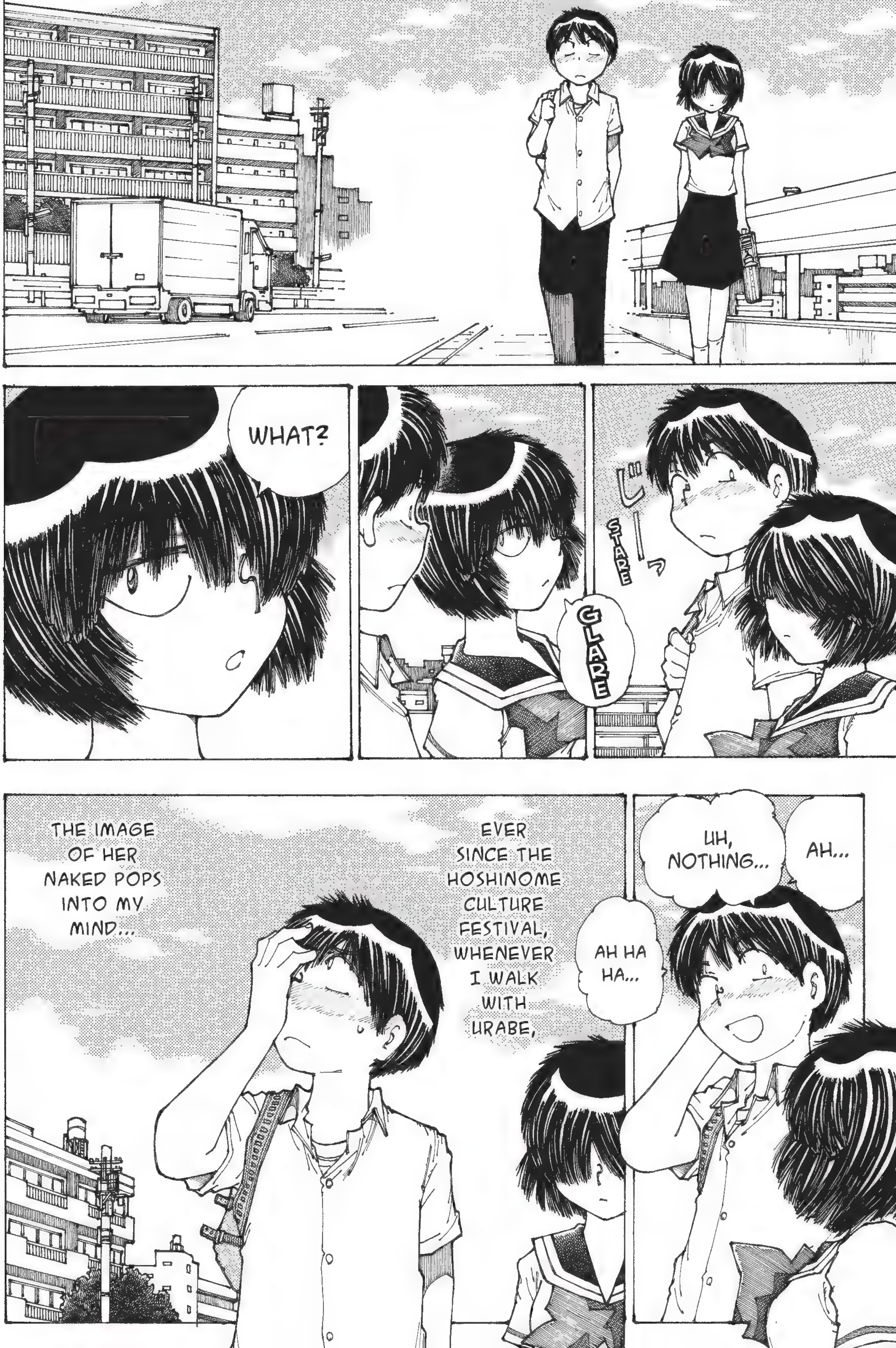

A ROUGH TIME...?
WHY WOULD HE BE HAVING A ROUGH TIME?
WELL,
THE OTHER DAY,
HE SAW YOU
NAKED,
DIDN'T HE?
IT WAS MY FIRST TIME SEEING YOU NAKED
AND YOU REALLY DID LOOK BEAUTIFUL.
TO A GUY, THAT'S A REAL...
TEMPTATION!
I BET THE IMAGE OF YOU NAKED
COMES TO HIS MIND WHENEVER YOU'RE TOGETHER,
AND MAKES THINGS REALLY ROUGH
FOR HIM!
I...
I DON'T
THINK THAT'S TRUE...

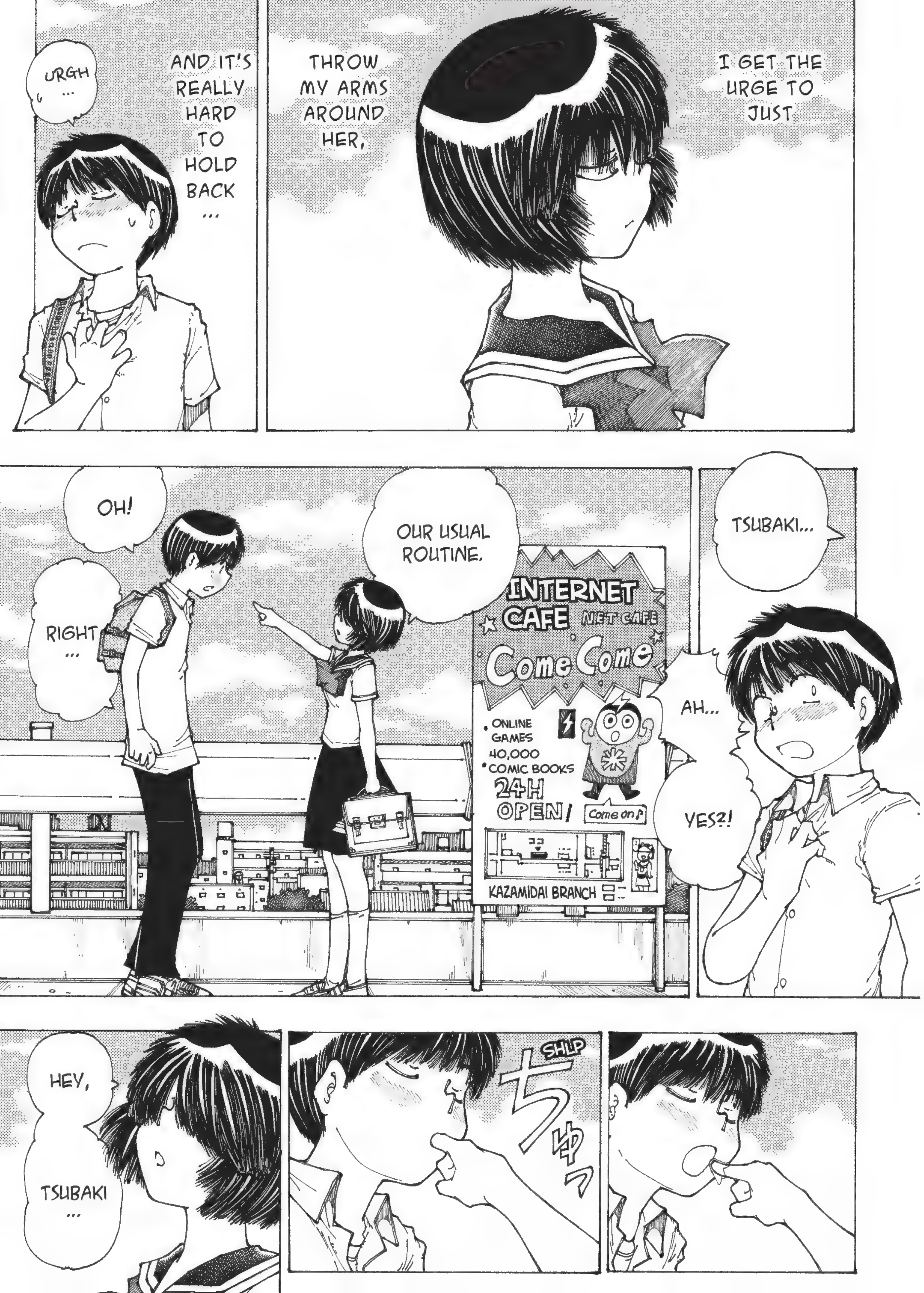

HEH HEH HEH HEH ...
ACTUALLY,
SINCE YOU LOOKED SO BEAUTIFUL NAKED,
I HID BEHIND THE CURTAIN...
AND TOOK...
TA-DAA
A PICTURE!
BLUSH
COFFEE
CAT
WHOOSH
GIVE ME THAT!

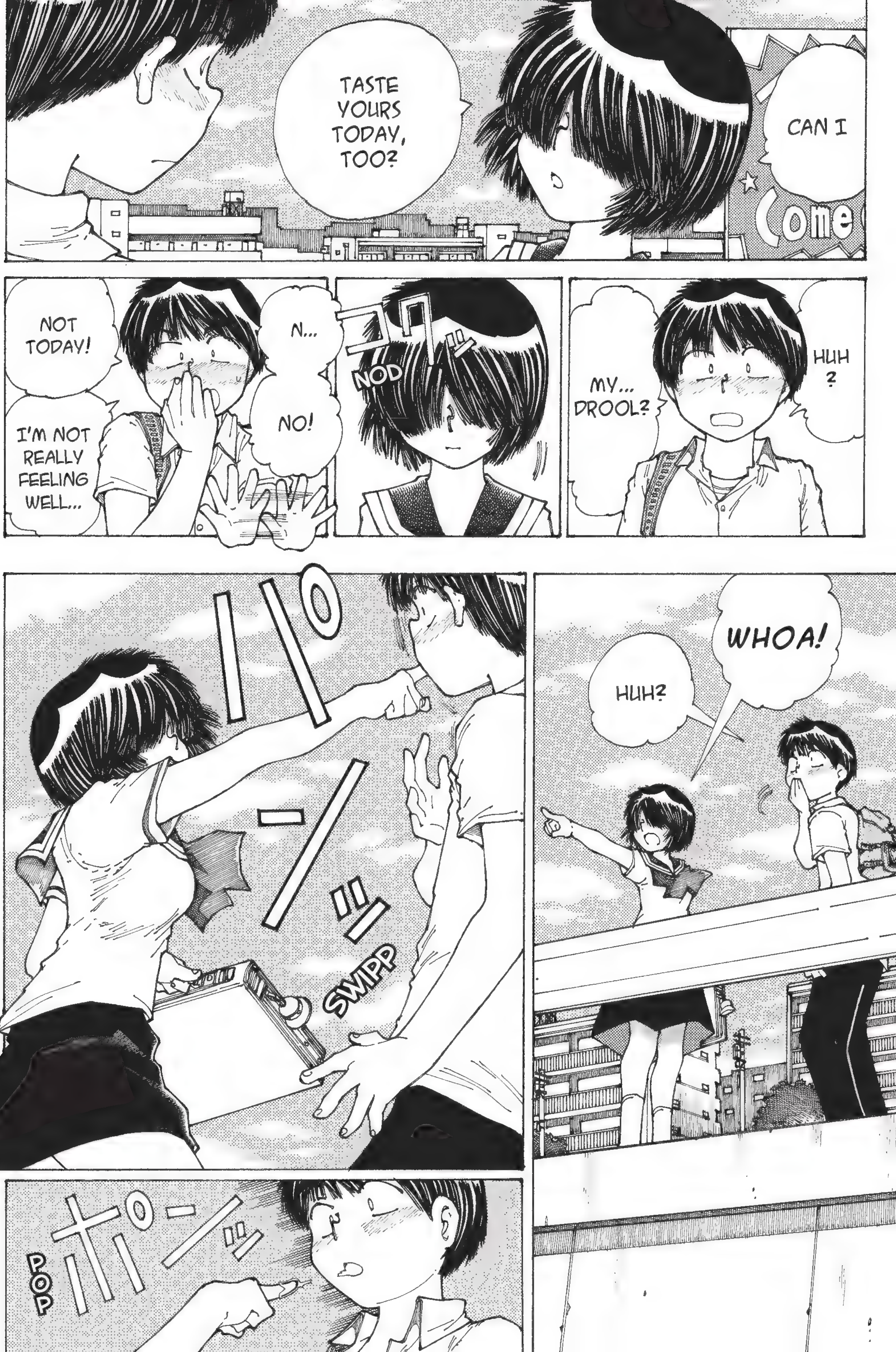

HEY...
AWW, WHAT'S WRONG WITH IT?!
GIVE IT TO ME!
キャー
SQUEAL
IT'LL JUST BE MY OWN TREASURE!!
IT'S FINE! IT'S FINE!
I WON'T SHOW IT TO ANYONE!
IT'S NOT FINE!!
JUST HAND IT OVER!!
I'LL NEVER LET YOU HAVE IT!!
WHA...
YOU LITTLE...
NOOOO
やーだーもーん♪
WAAAAY
ザッ
ZHFF
シュッ
SHINK

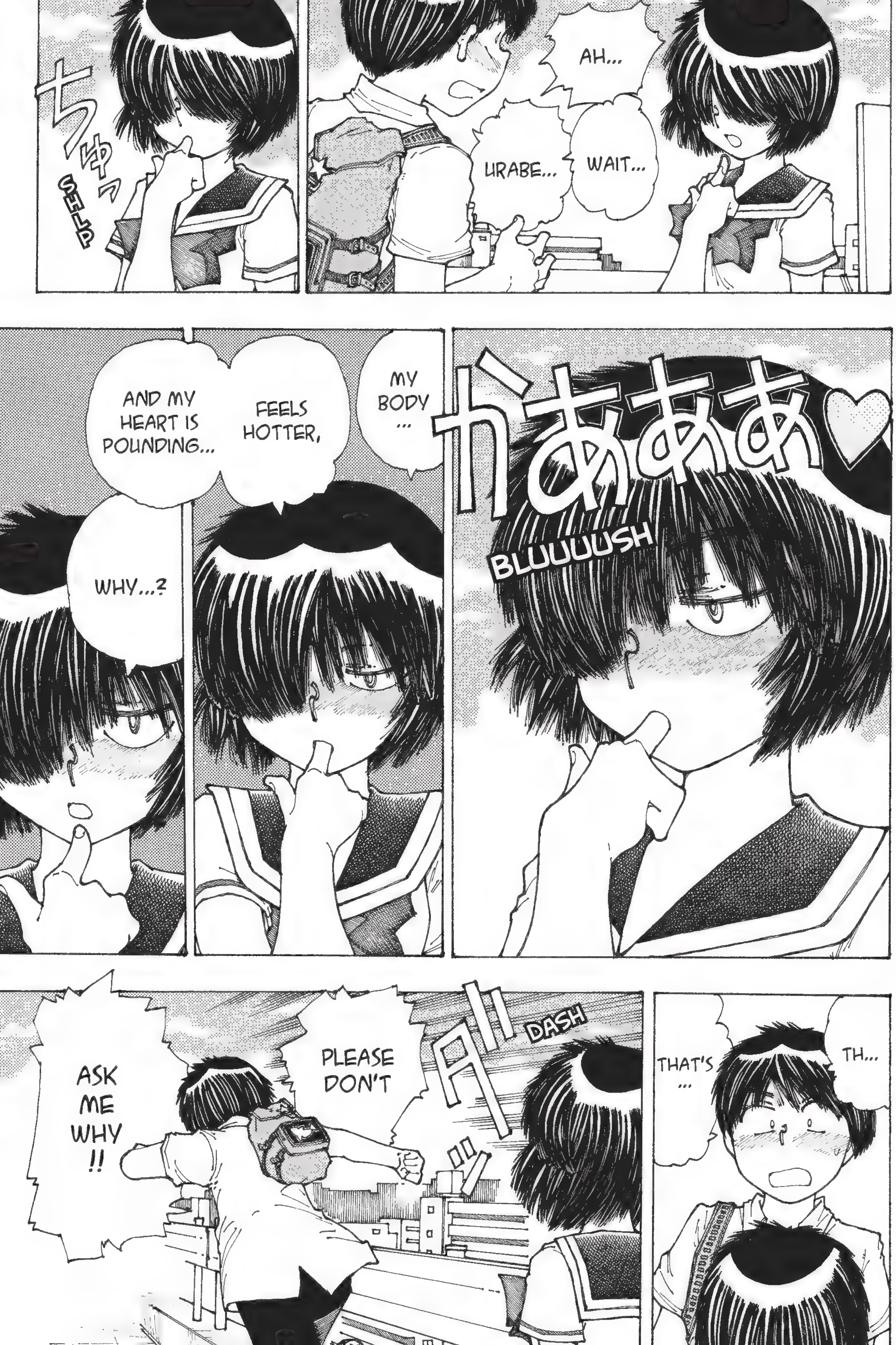

ジャキジャキジャキ
SNIP
SNIP
ジャキジャキ
SNIP
SNIP
カラカラカラ…
TWIRL
TWIRL
TWIRL
バララ…
FLUTTER…
シュパッ
SHI
PP
YOU ONLY TOOK
ONE PHOTO, RIGHT?

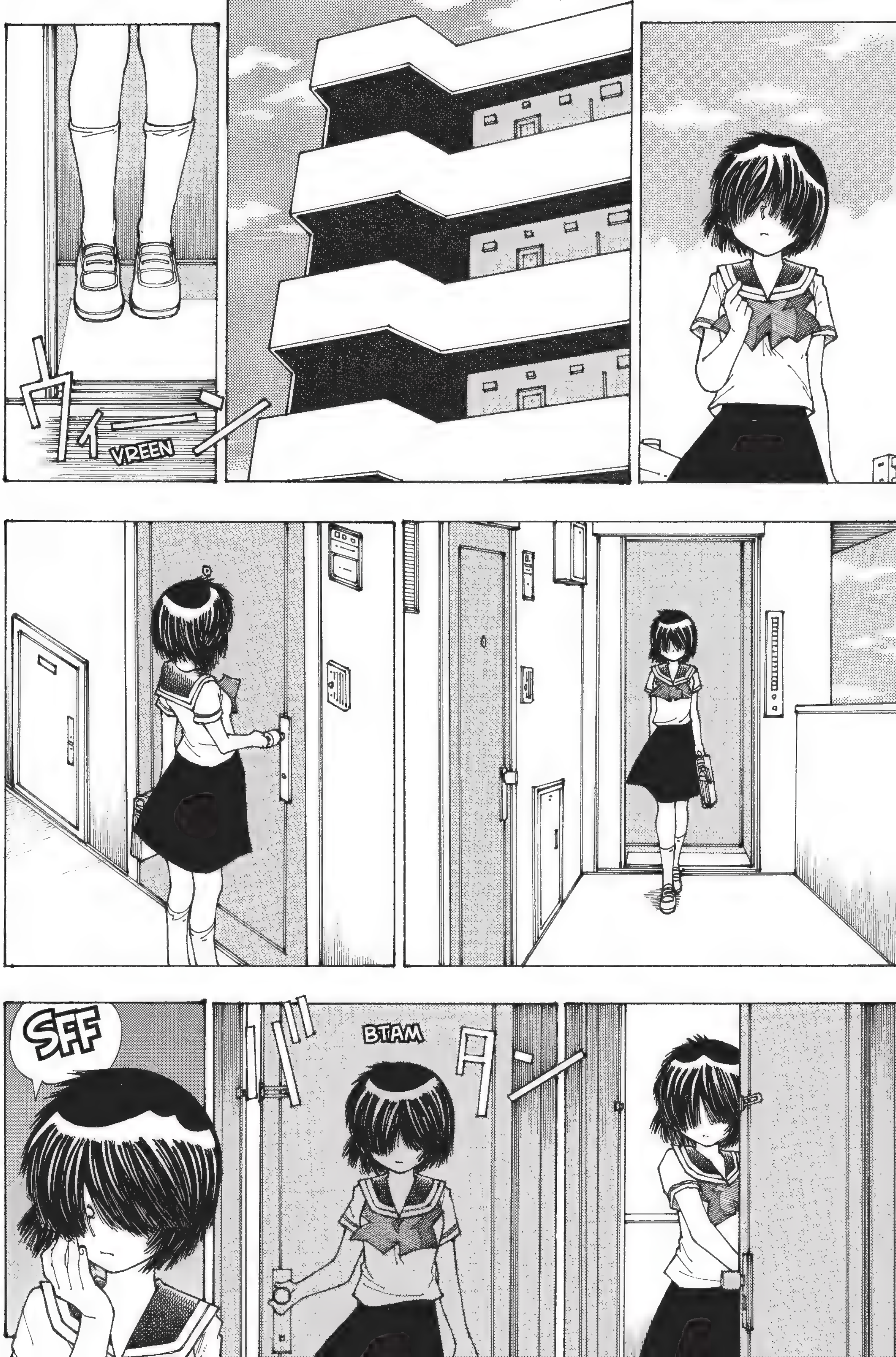

THAT ...
THAT WAS SO COOL!!
YOU KEEP THOSE SCISSORS TUCKED IN YOUR PANTIES?!
LEMME SEE! LEMME SEE!
EEEEEEK!!
WOW! ♥
OF ALL THE PLACES TO KEEP SCISSORS...
THAT'S PRETTY EROTIC, URABE!
WAH!!
HEY,
CUT IT OUT!
WHAP!!

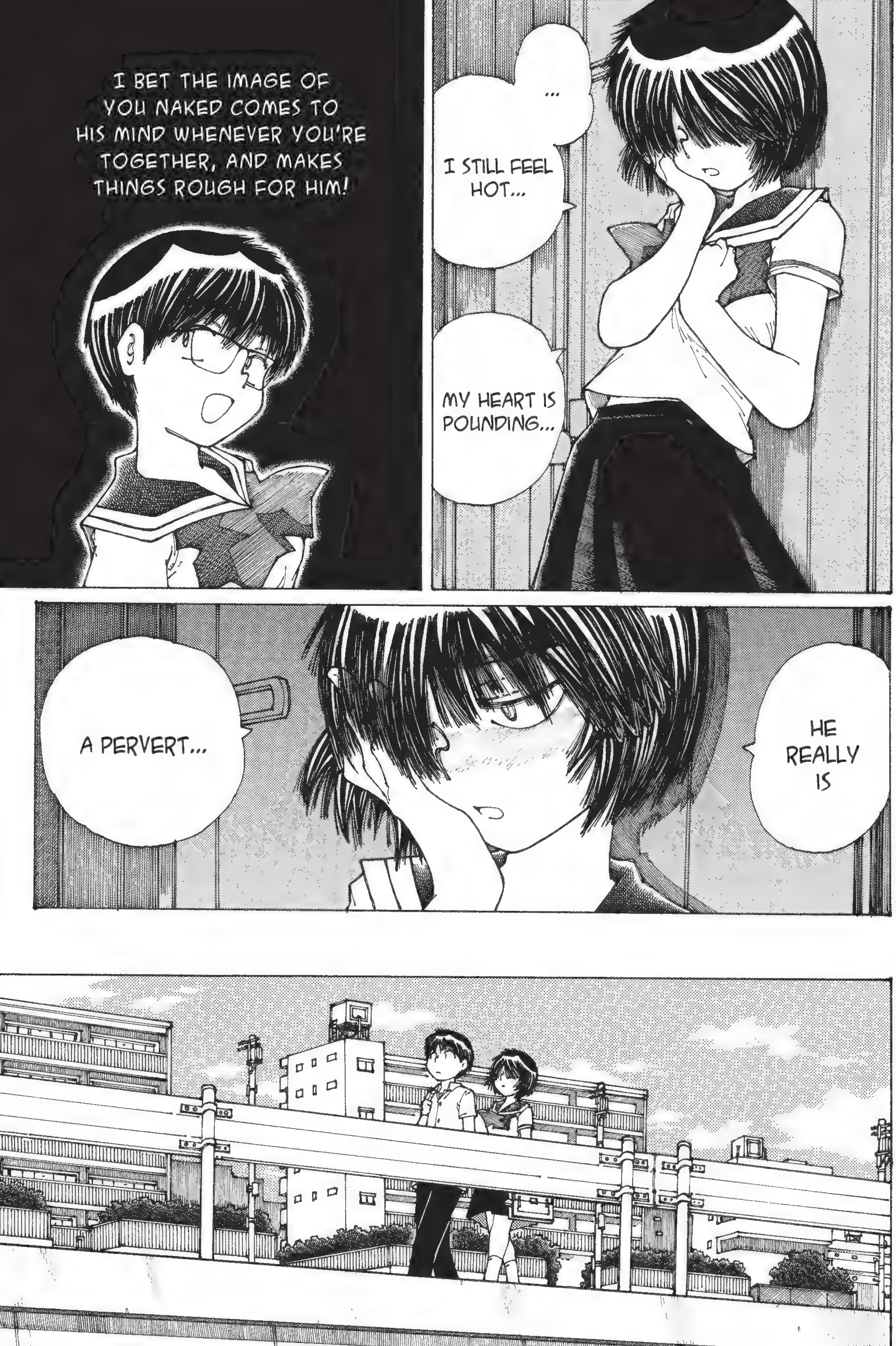

じーっ
STARE
GLARE
WHAT?
AH...
UH, NOTHING...
AH HA HA...
EVER SINCE THE HOSHINOME CULTURE FESTIVAL, WHENEVER I WALK WITH URABE,
THE IMAGE OF HER NAKED POPS INTO MY MIND...

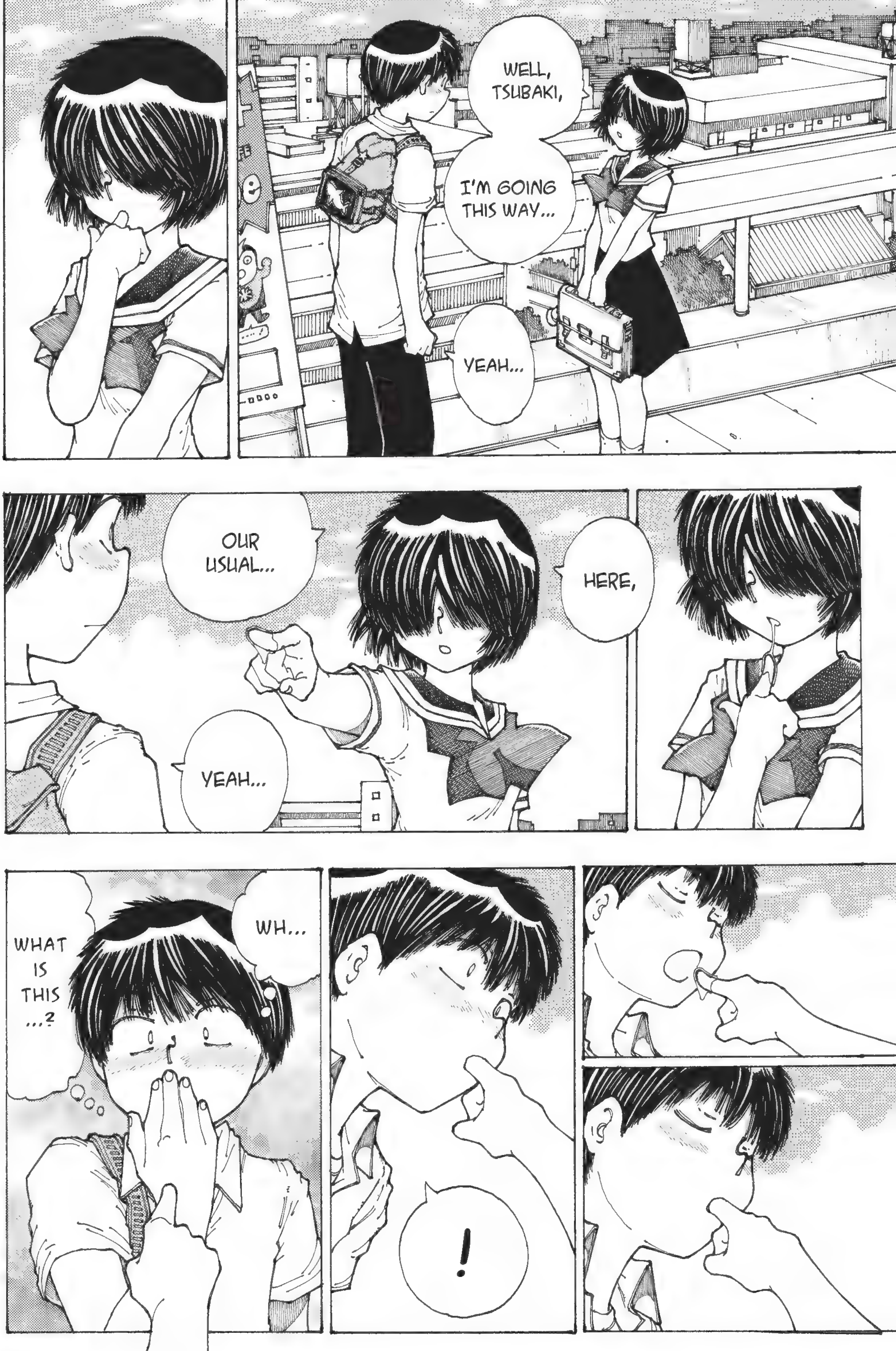

I GET THE URGE TO JUST
THROW MY ARMS AROUND HER,
AND IT'S REALLY HARD TO HOLD BACK ...
URGH ...
TSUBAKI...
AH...
YES?!
OUR USUAL ROUTINE.
OH!
RIGHT ...
INTERNET CAFE
NET CAFE
Come Come
ONLINE GAMES
40,000 COMIC BOOKS
24H OPEN!
Come on♪
ココ
KAZAMIDAI BRANCH
ちゅっ
SHLP
HEY,
TSUBAKI ...

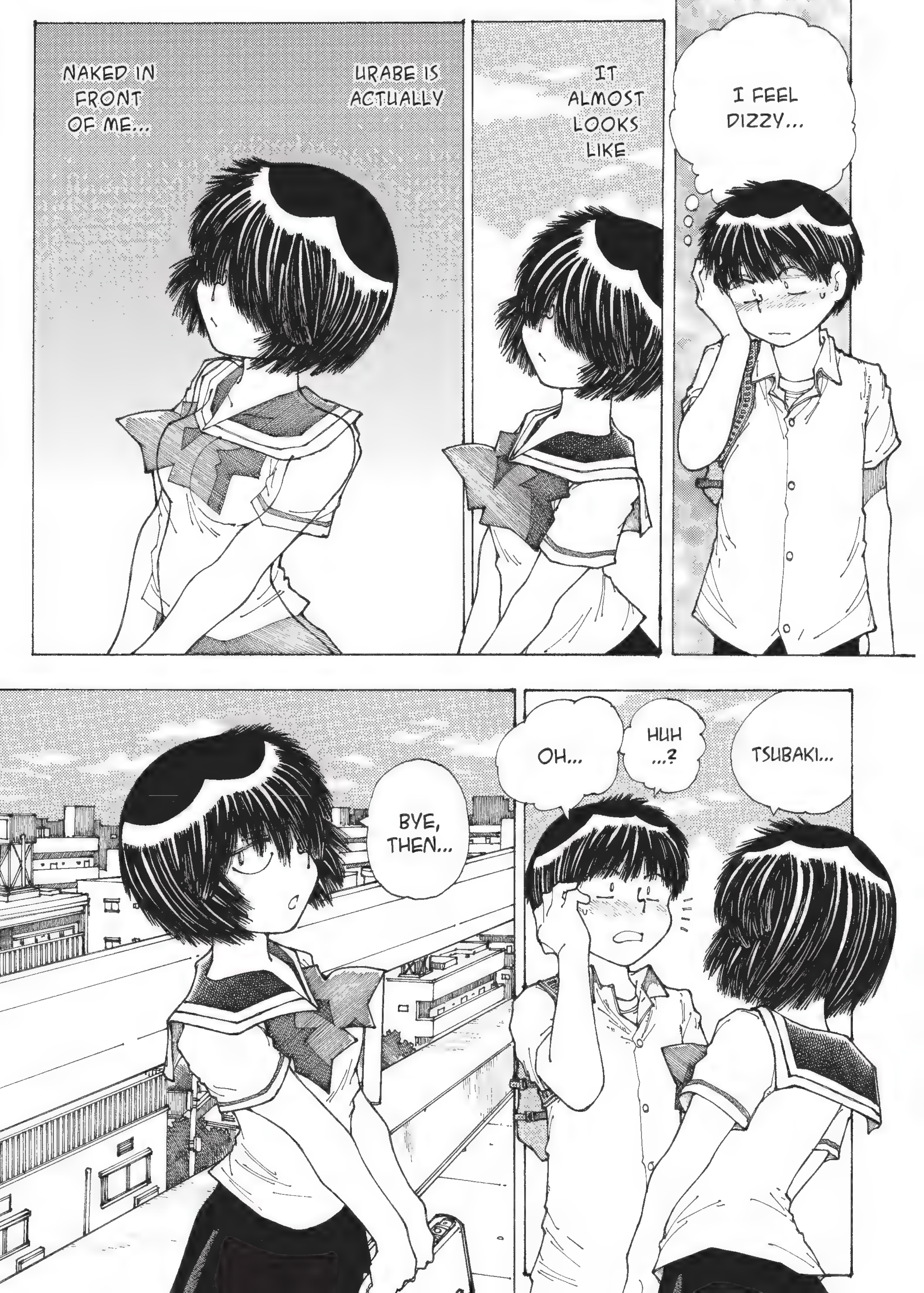

Come
CAN I
TASTE YOURS TODAY, TOO?
HUH?
MY... DROOL?
コクッ
NOD
N...
NO!
NOT TODAY!
I'M NOT REALLY FEELING WELL...
WHOA!
HUH?
パーン
SWIPP
ポーン
POP

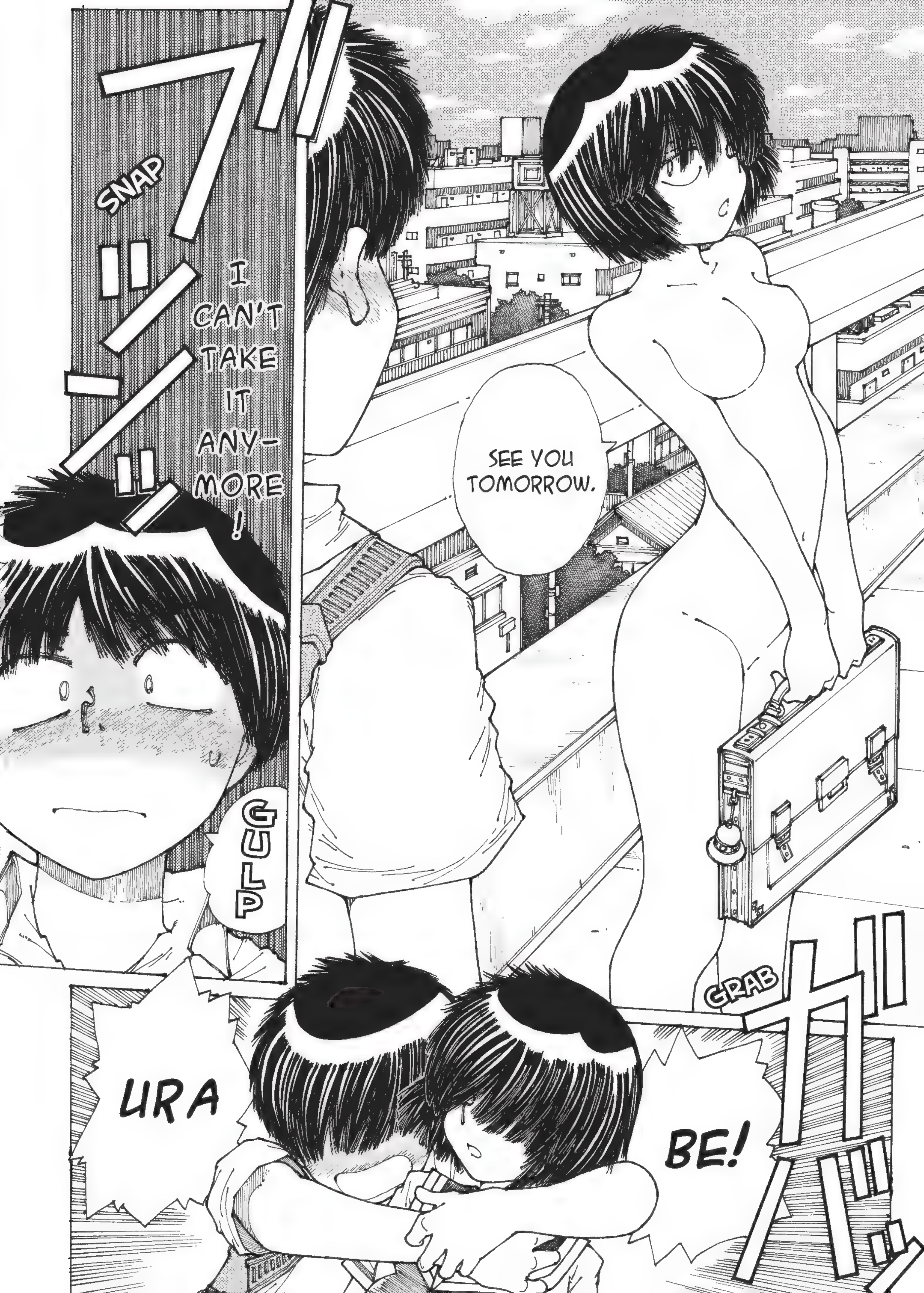

AH...
WAIT...
URABE...
ちゅっ
SHLP
があああ♥
BLUUUUSH
MY BODY ...
FEELS HOTTER,
AND MY HEART IS POUNDING...
WHY...?
TH...
THAT'S ...
ダッ
DASH
PLEASE DON'T
ASK ME WHY !!


VREEN
BTAM
SFF

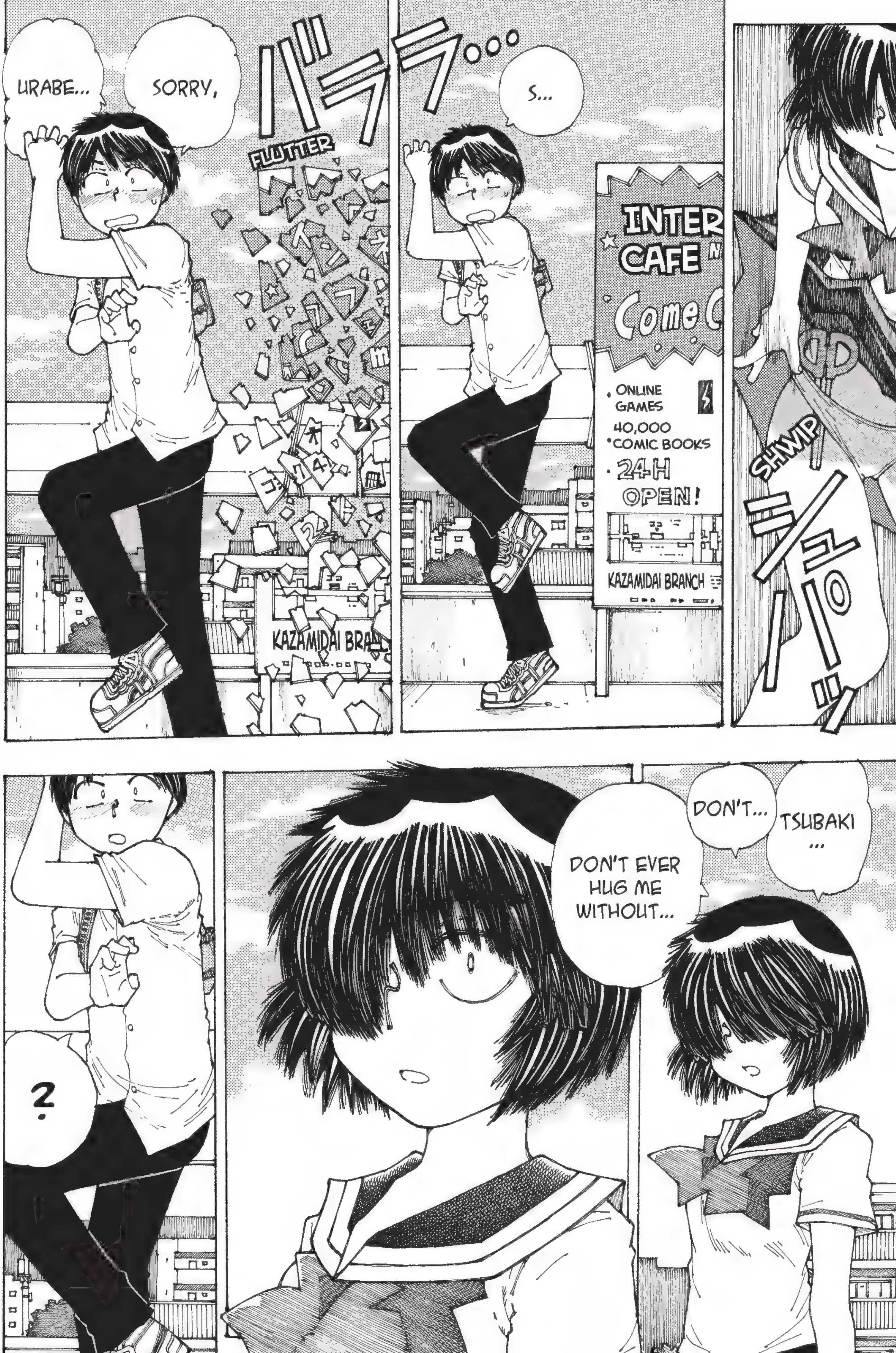

...
I STILL FEEL HOT...
MY HEART IS POUNDING...
I BET THE IMAGE OF YOU NAKED COMES TO HIS MIND WHENEVER YOU'RE TOGETHER, AND MAKES THINGS ROUGH FOR HIM!
HE REALLY IS
A PERVERT...

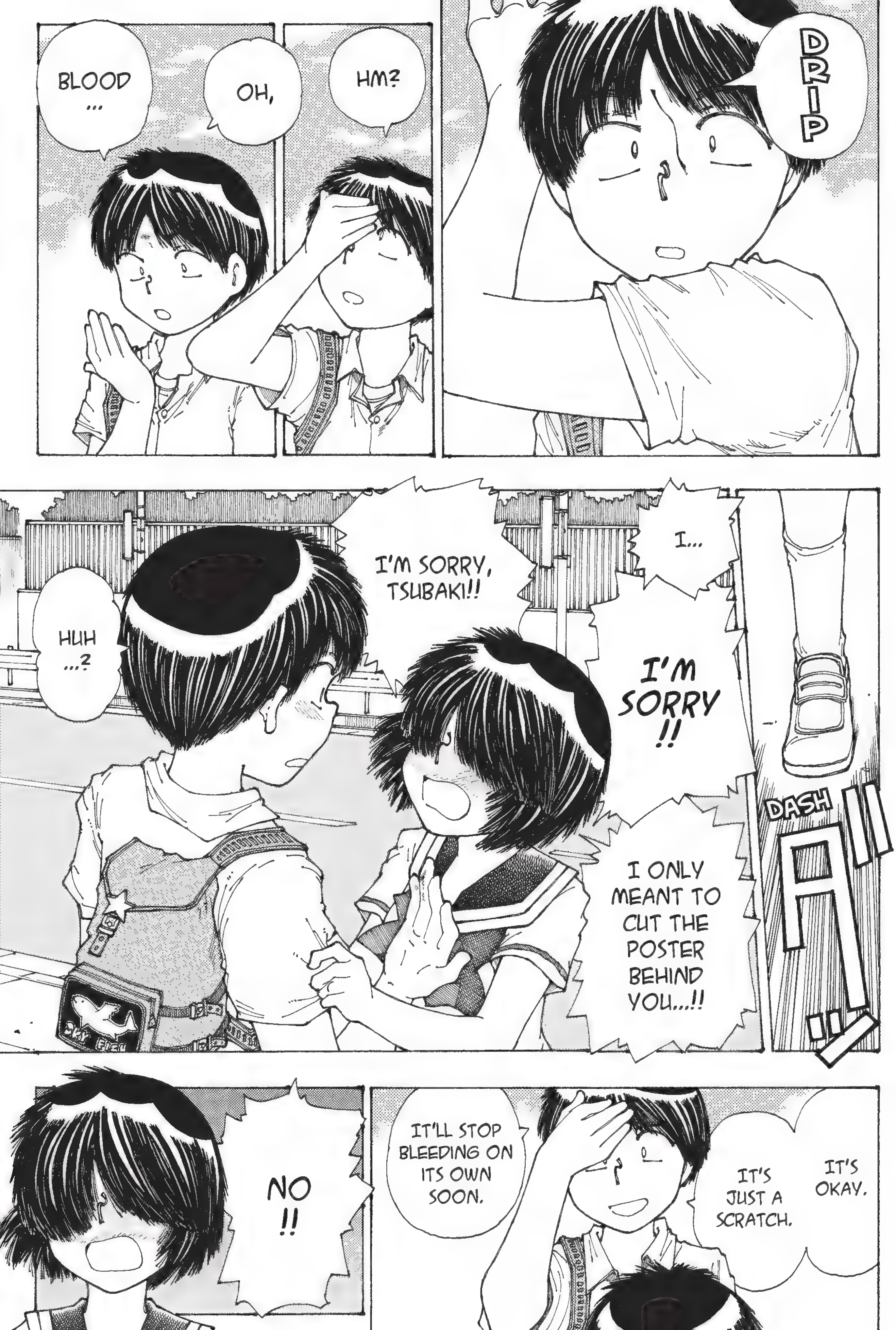

WELL, TSUBAKI,
I'M GOING THIS WAY...
YEAH...
HERE,
OUR USUAL...
YEAH...
!
WH...
WHAT IS THIS ...?

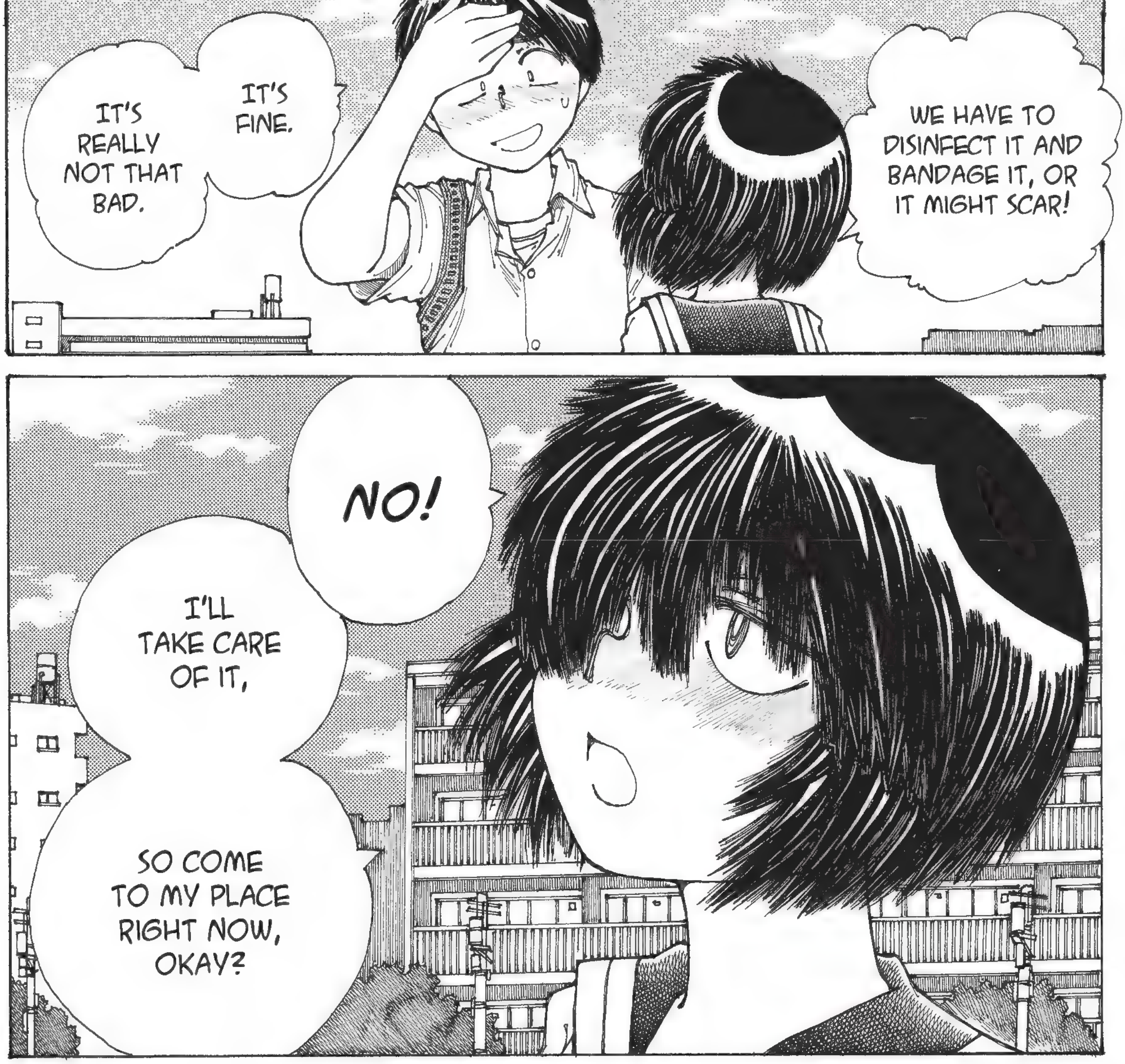

I FEEL DIZZY...
IT ALMOST LOOKS LIKE
URABE IS ACTUALLY
NAKED IN FRONT OF ME...
TSUBAKI...
HUH ...?
OH...
BYE, THEN...


SEE YOU TOMORROW.
ブッ
SNAP
I CAN'T TAKE IT ANYMORE!
GULP
ガバッ
GRAB
URA
BE!

シュッ
SWOOP
SHINK
WHIP
バサッ
ジャキ
SNIP
ジャキ
SNIP
ジャキ
SNIP
ジャキ
SNIP


SHWIP
シュパッ
INTER CAFE
Come C
ONLINE GAMES
40,000 COMIC BOOKS
24H OPEN!
KAZAMIDAI BRANCH
S...
バララ…
FLUTTER
SORRY,
URABE...
KAZAMIDAI BRAN
TSUBAKI ...
DON'T...
DON'T EVER HUG ME WITHOUT...
?


DRIP
HM?
OH,
BLOOD ...
DASH
I...
I'M SORRY !!
I ONLY MEANT TO CUT THE POSTER BEHIND YOU...!!
I'M SORRY, TSUBAKI!!
HUH ...?
IT'S OKAY.
IT'S JUST A SCRATCH.
IT'LL STOP BLEEDING ON ITS OWN SOON.
NO !!


WE HAVE TO DISINFECT IT AND BANDAGE IT, OR IT MIGHT SCAR!
IT'S FINE.
IT'S REALLY NOT THAT BAD.
NO!
I'LL TAKE CARE OF IT,
SO COME TO MY PLACE RIGHT NOW, OKAY?
YOUR PLACE ...?
BA DUM ♡

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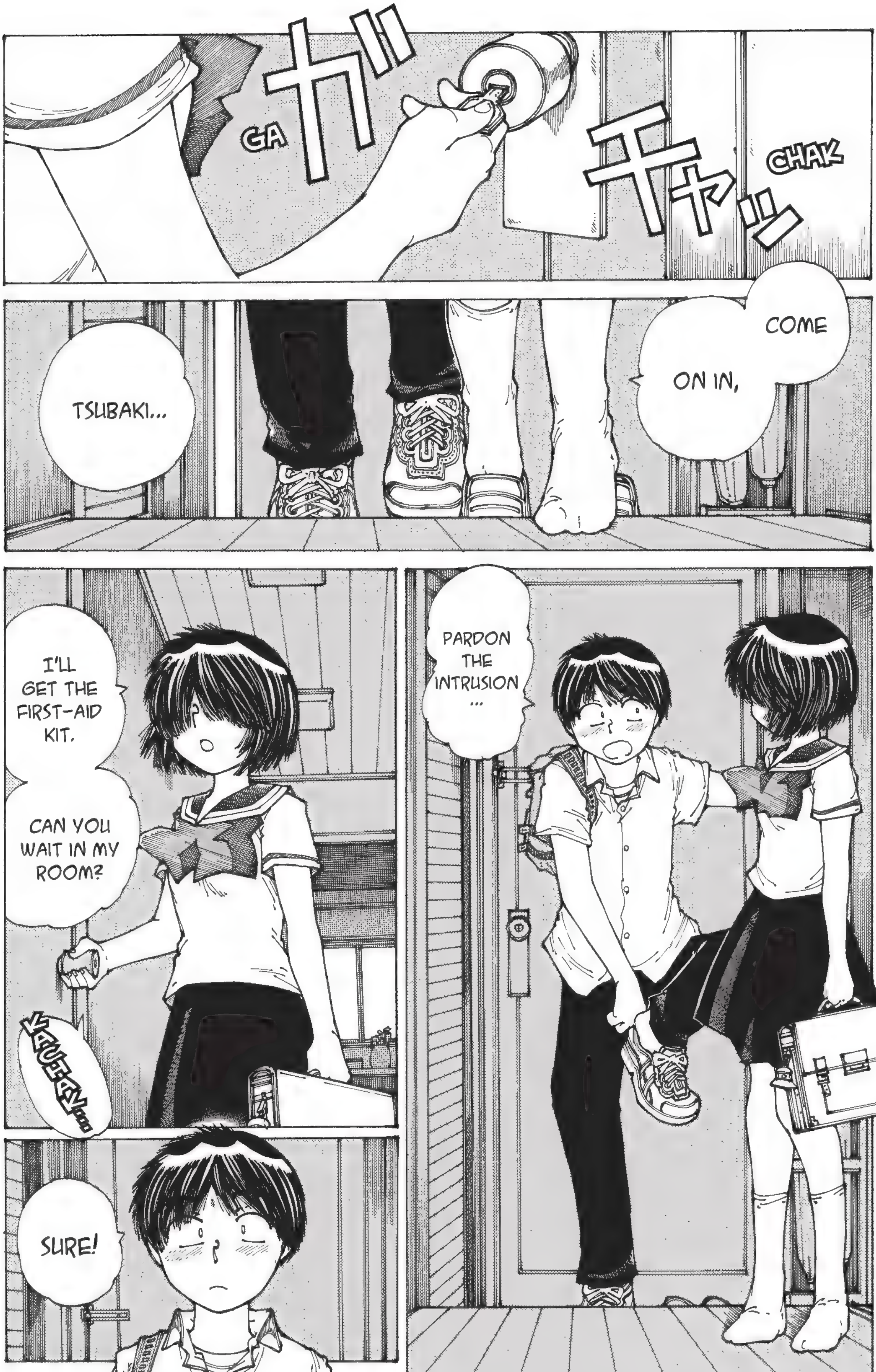
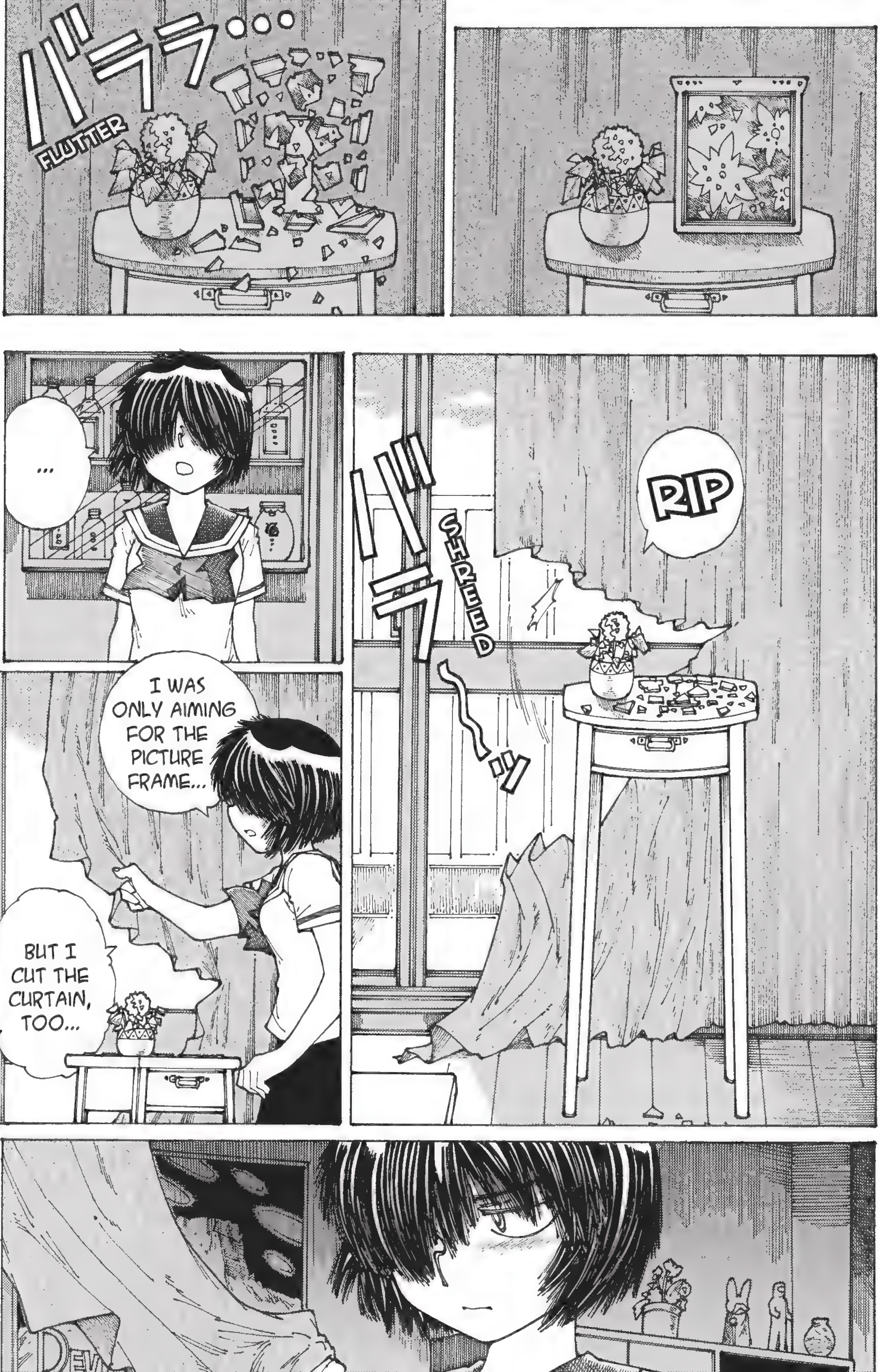
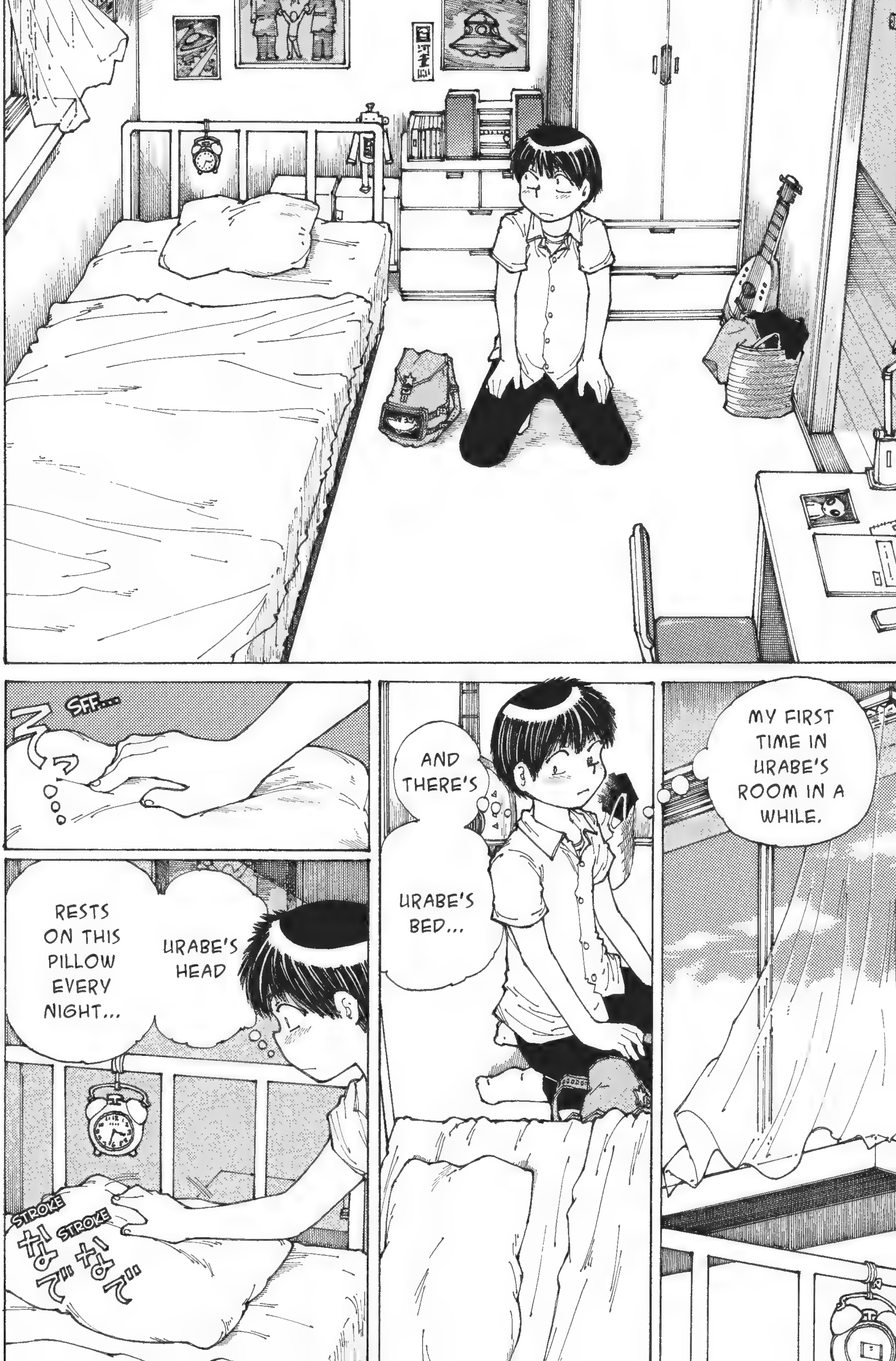
CHAPTER 36: MYSTERIOUS DELUSION (PART 2)

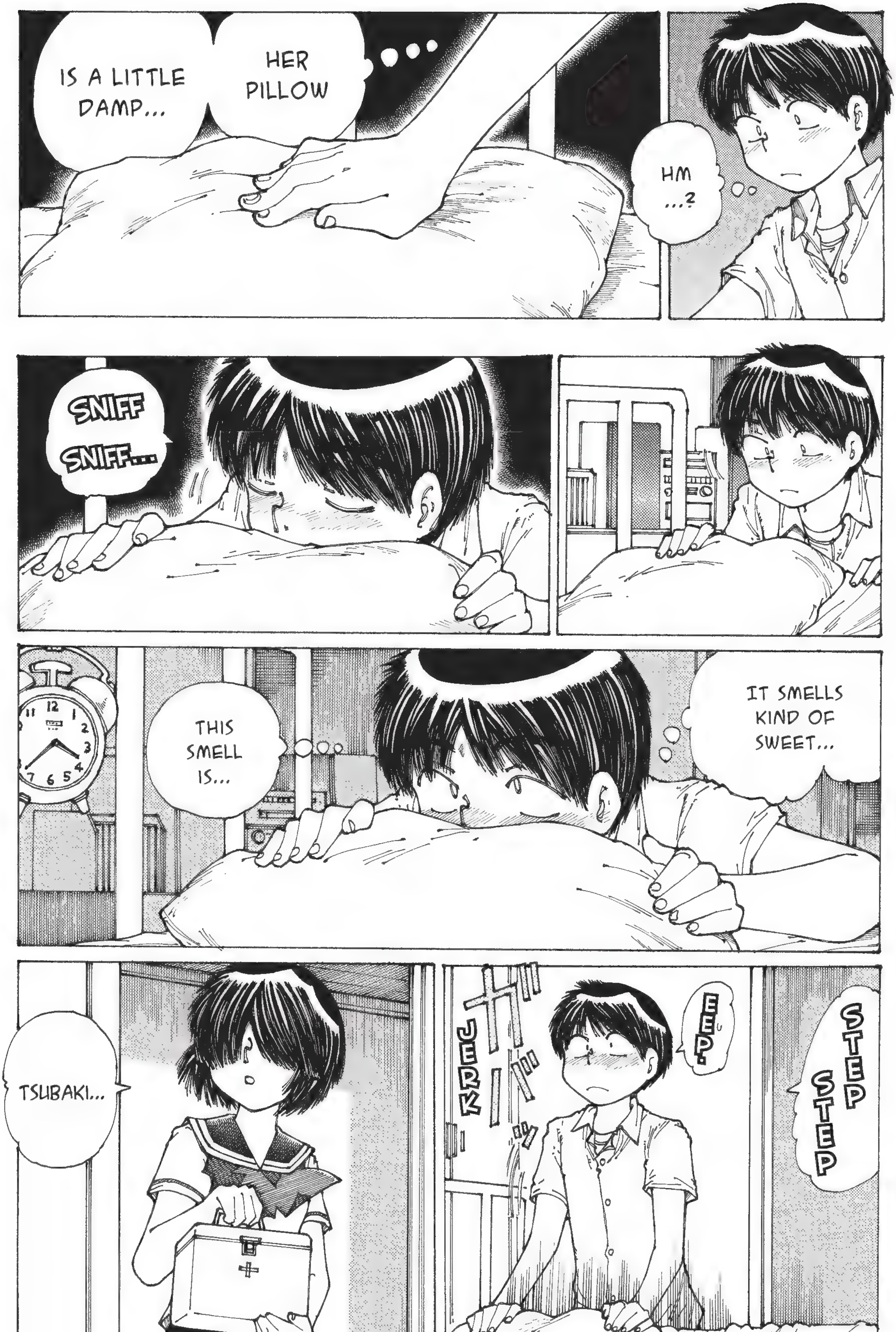

ガ
GA
チャッ
CHAK
COME ON IN,
TSUBAKI...
PARDON THE INTRUSION...
I'LL GET THE FIRST-AID KIT.
CAN YOU WAIT IN MY ROOM?
KACHAN...
SURE!

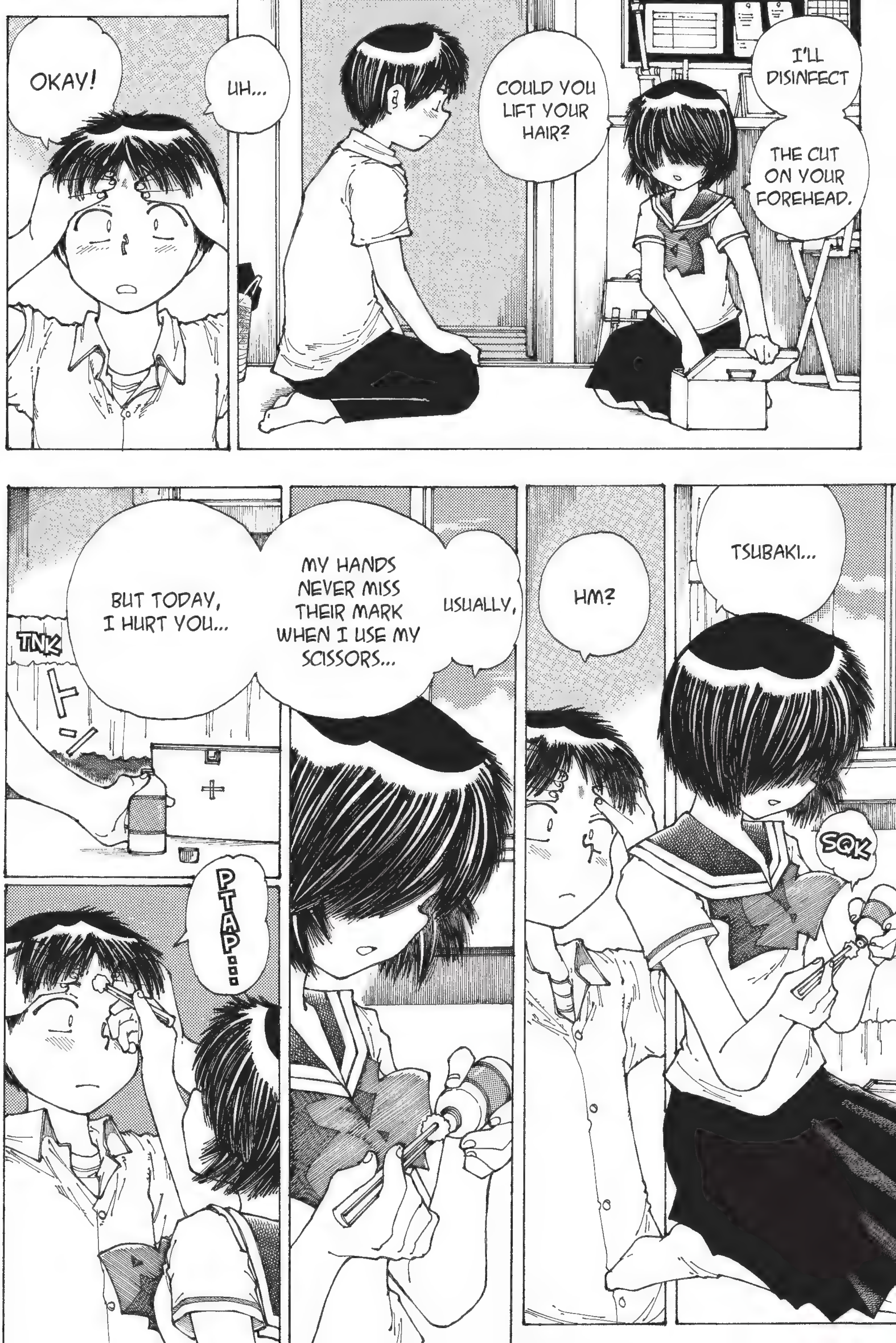
DEVILS TOWER
HOME MEDICAL GUIDE
KATAK

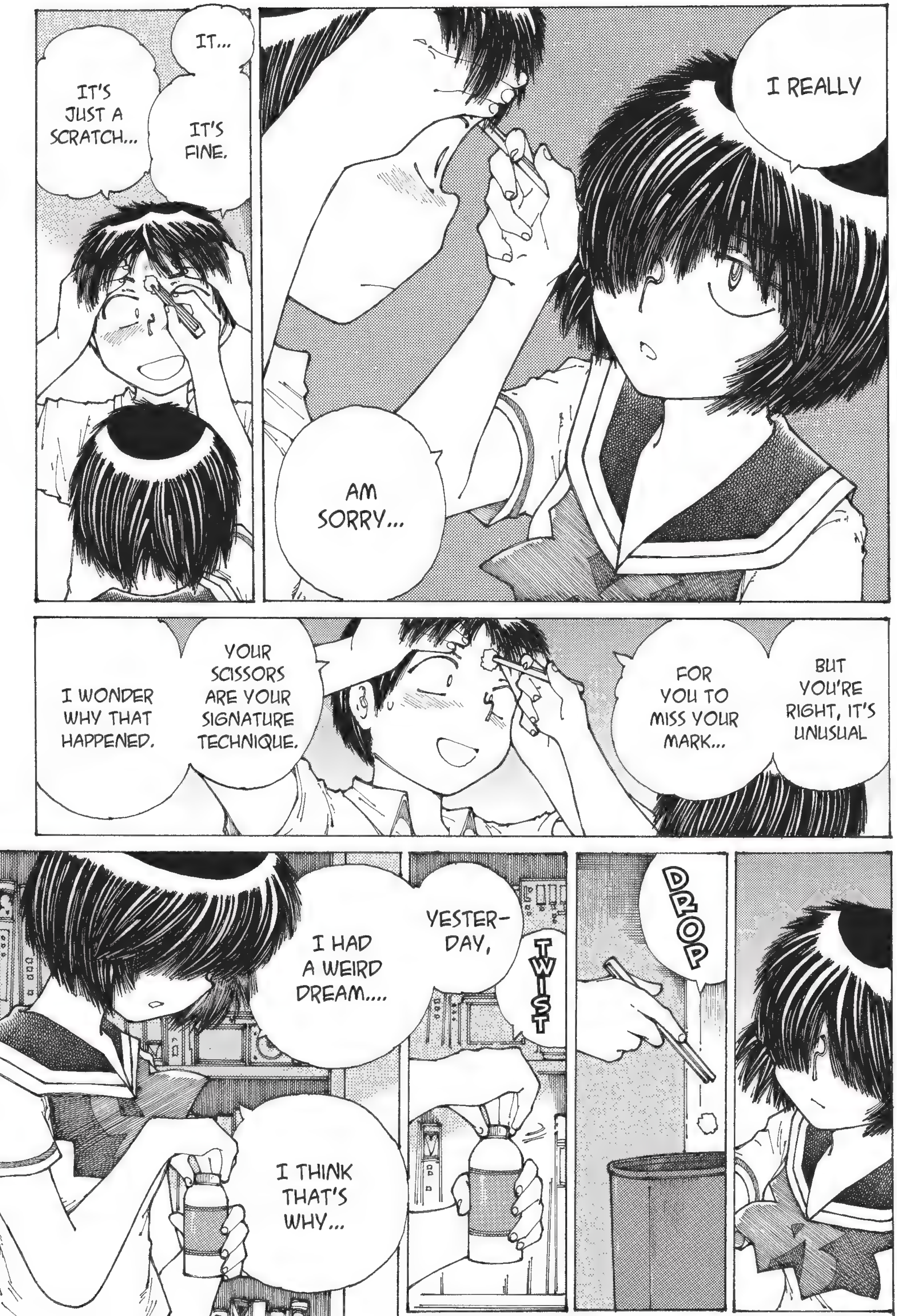
スッ
SFF
ザッ
ZISH
バサッ
WHAPP
シュッ
SHINK
ジャキジャキ
ジャキジャキ
SNIP
SNIP
SNIP
SNIP
シュパッ
SHWIP

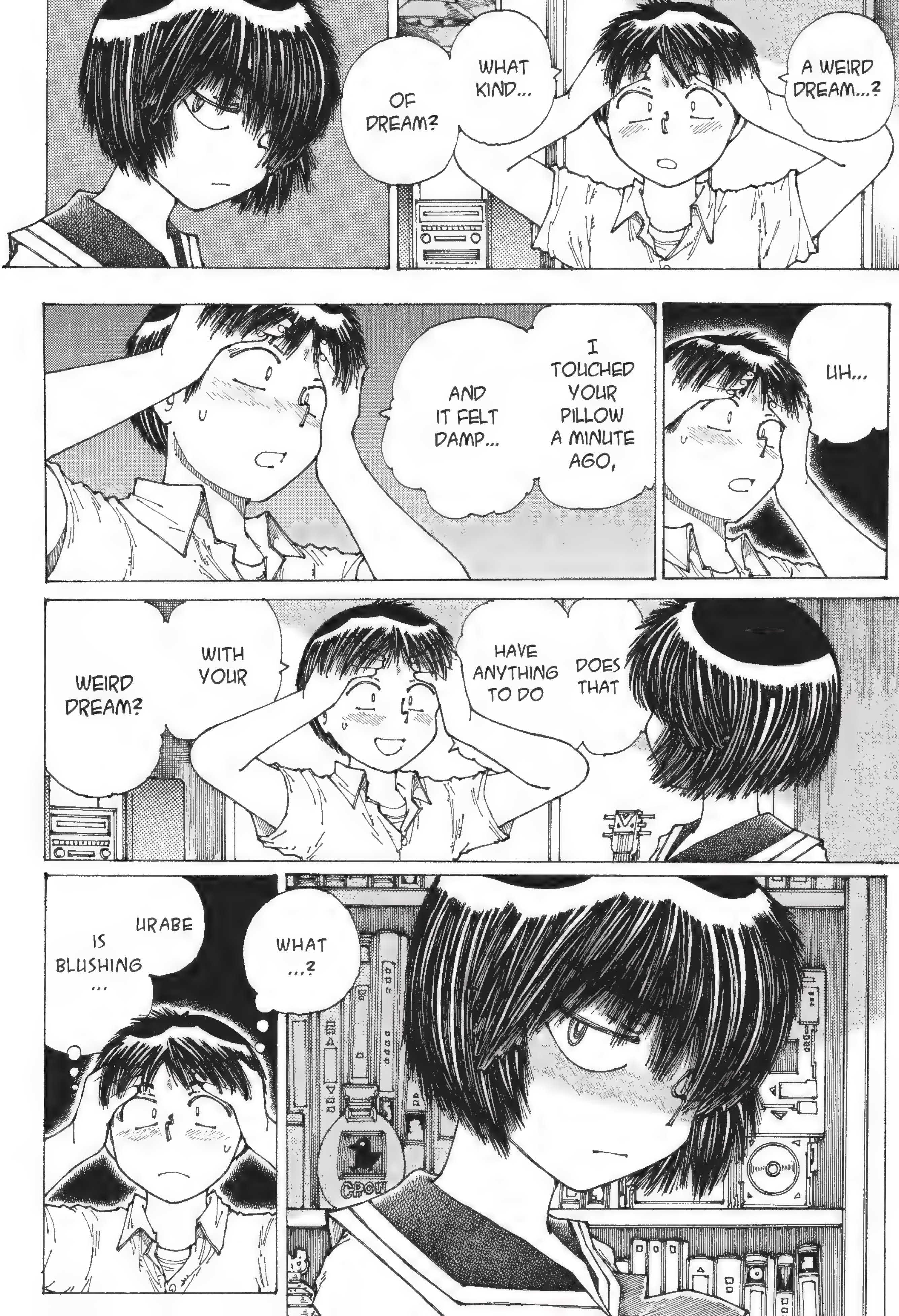

バララ・・・
FLUTTER
RIP
バラ
SHREEED
ーッ
...
I WAS ONLY AIMING FOR THE PICTURE FRAME...
BUT I CUT THE CURTAIN, TOO...

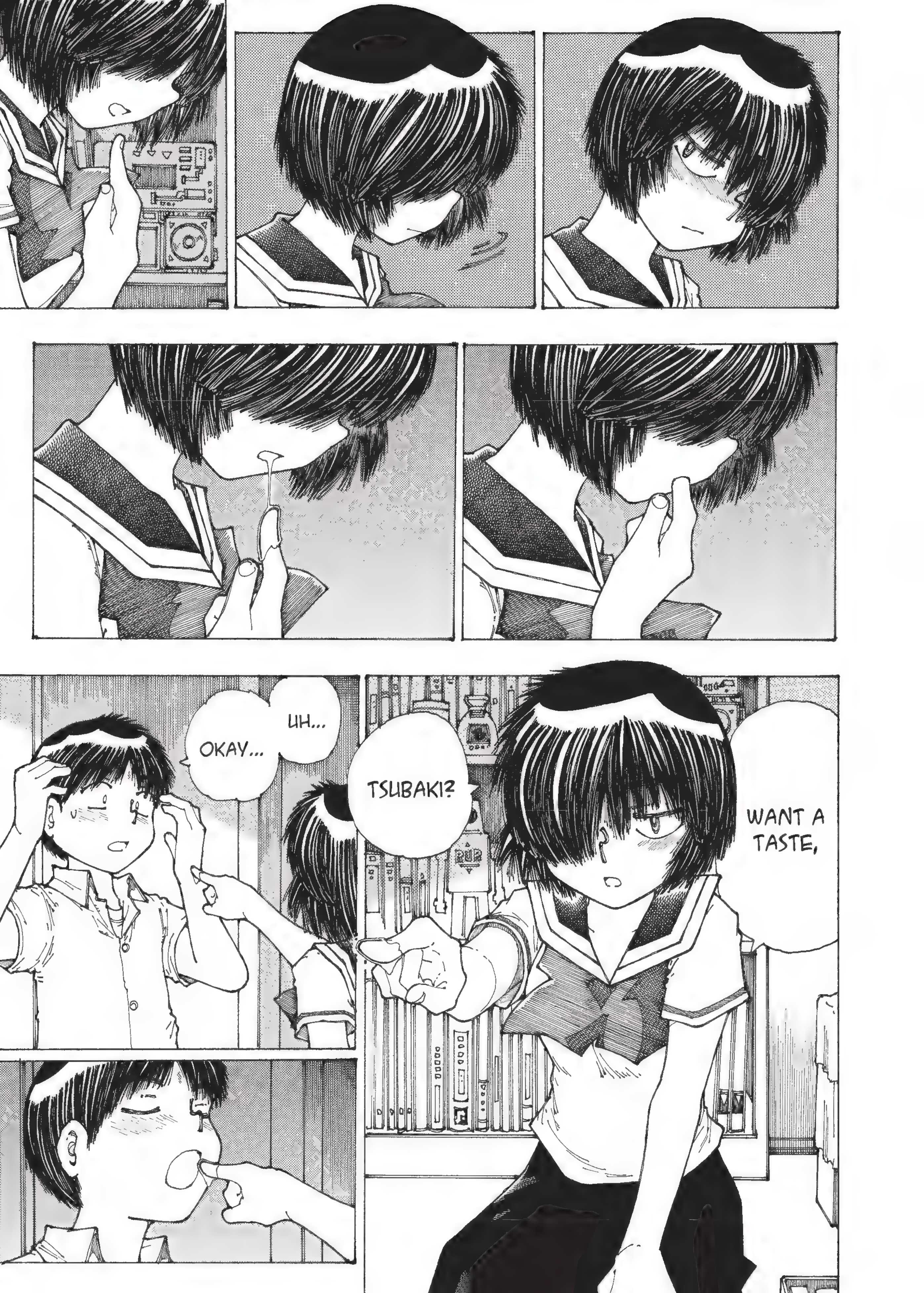

MY FIRST TIME IN URABE'S ROOM IN A WHILE.
AND THERE'S
URABE'S BED...
SFF...
URABE'S HEAD
RESTS ON THIS PILLOW EVERY NIGHT...
STROKE
なで
STROKE
なで

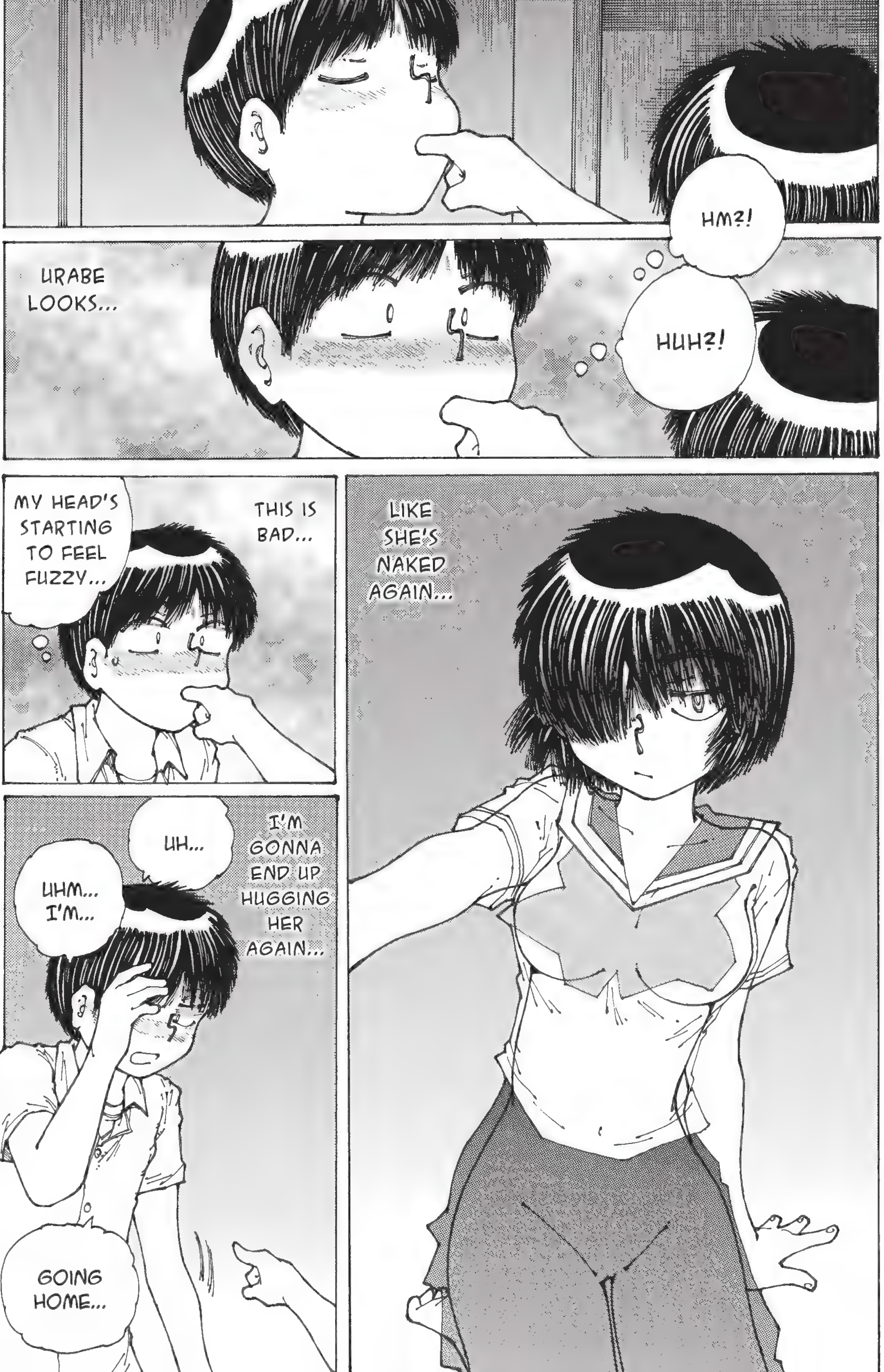

HM ...?
HER PILLOW
IS A LITTLE DAMP...
SNIFF SNIFF...
IT SMELLS KIND OF SWEET...
THIS SMELL IS...
STEP STEP
EEP!
JERK
TSUBAKI...

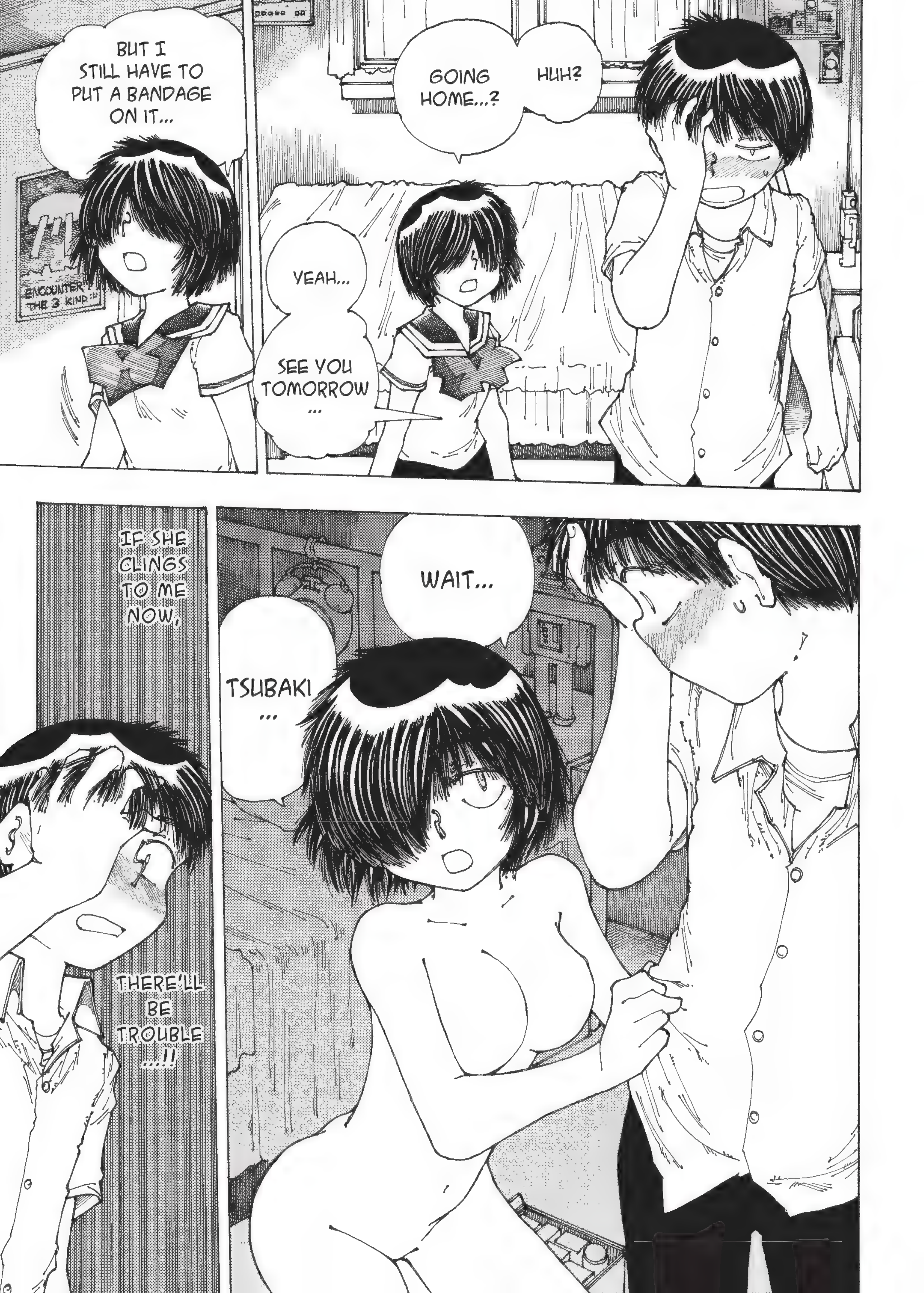

I'LL DISINFECT
THE CUT ON YOUR FOREHEAD.
COULD YOU LIFT YOUR HAIR?
UH...
OKAY!
TSUBAKI...
SQK
HM?
USUALLY,
MY HANDS NEVER MISS THEIR MARK WHEN I USE MY SCISSORS...
BUT TODAY, I HURT YOU...
TNK
PTAP...

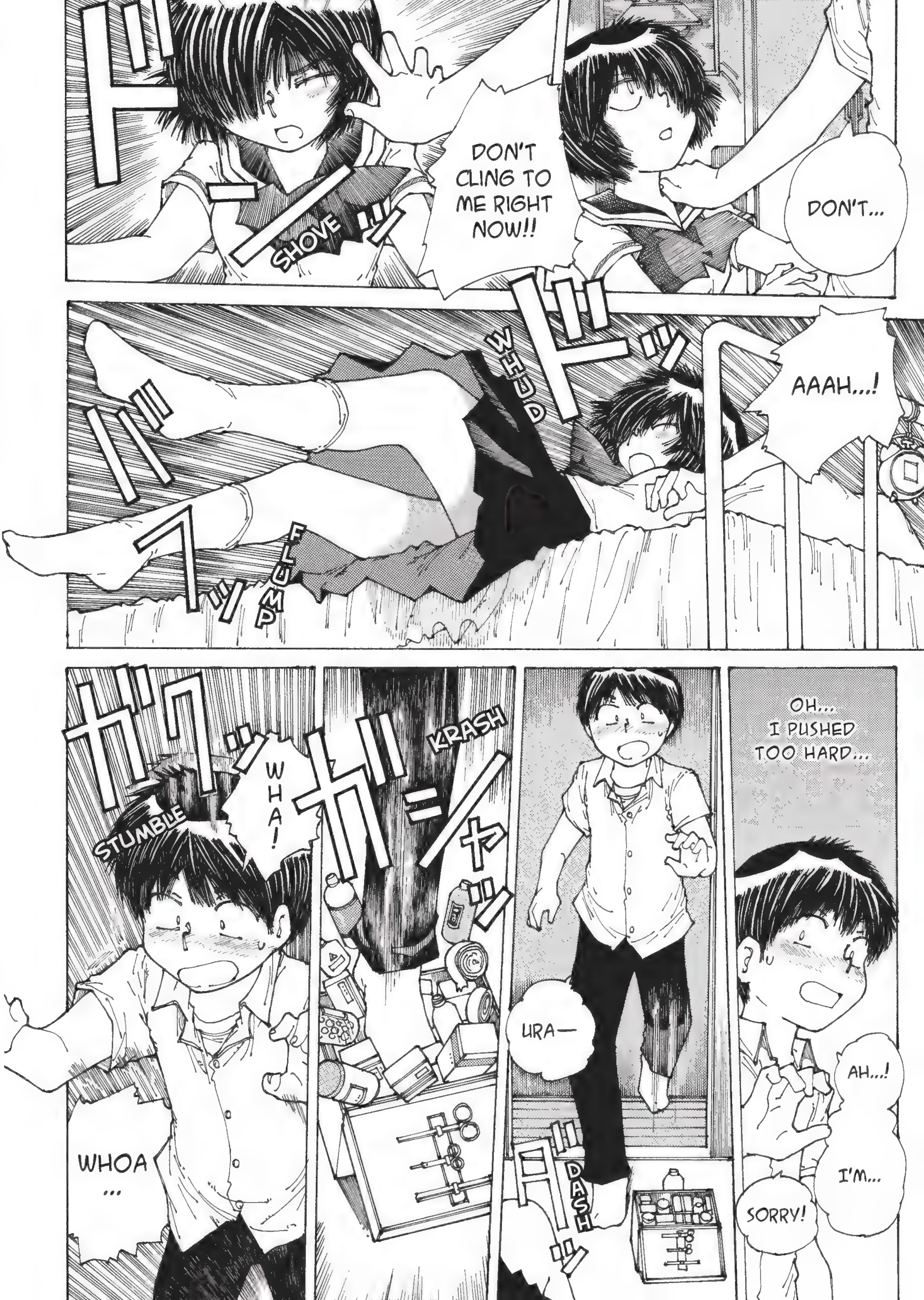

I REALLY
AM SORRY...
IT...
IT'S FINE.
IT'S JUST A SCRATCH...
BUT YOU'RE RIGHT, IT'S UNUSUAL
FOR YOU TO MISS YOUR MARK...
YOUR SCISSORS ARE YOUR SIGNATURE TECHNIQUE.
I WONDER WHY THAT HAPPENED.
DROP
TWIST
YESTER-DAY,
I HAD A WEIRD DREAM....
I THINK THAT'S WHY...

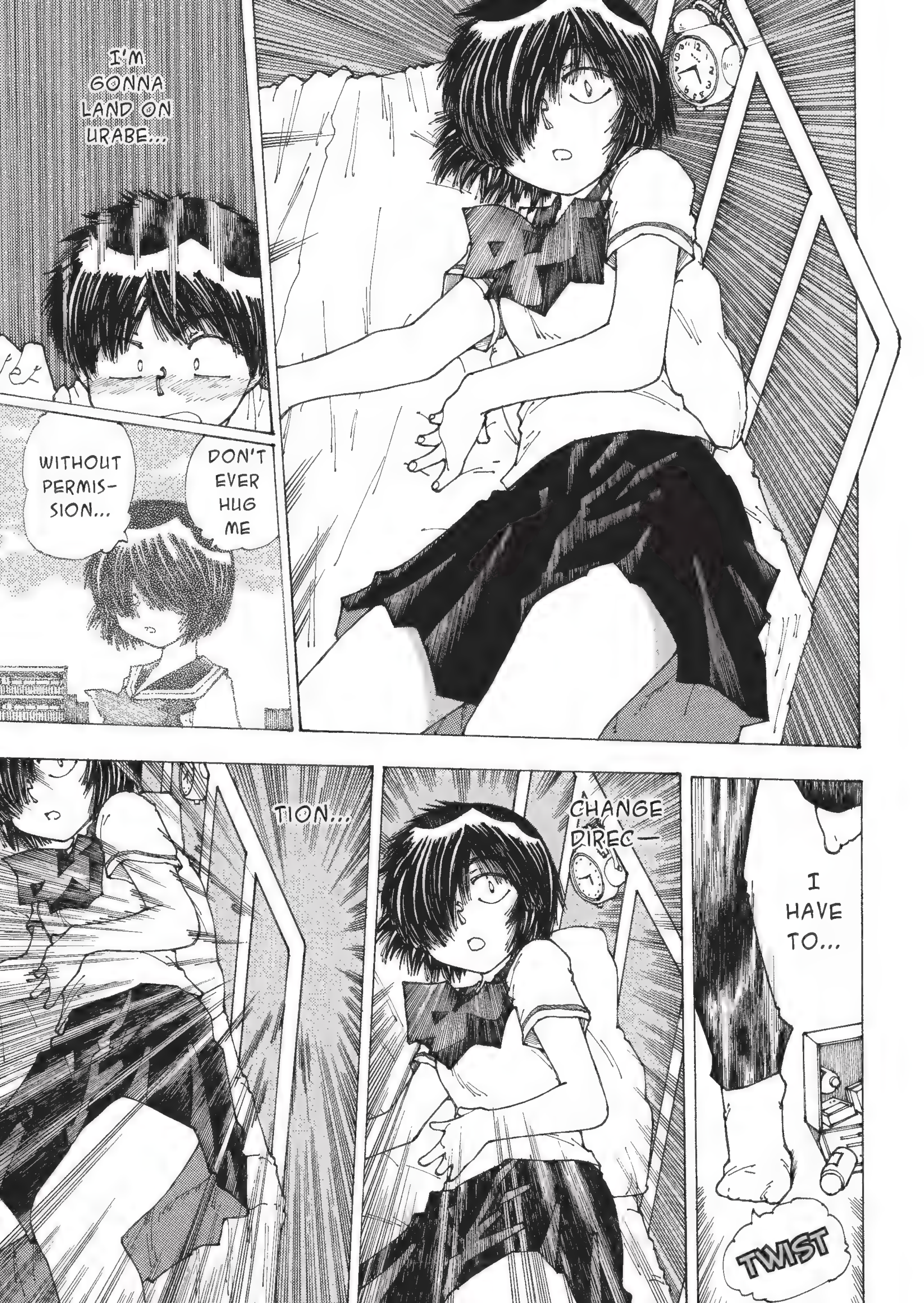

A WEIRD DREAM...?
WHAT KIND... OF DREAM?
UH...
I TOUCHED YOUR PILLOW A MINUTE AGO,
AND IT FELT DAMP...
DOES THAT HAVE ANYTHING TO DO
WITH YOUR WEIRD DREAM?
WHAT ...?
URABE IS BLUSHING ...
CROW

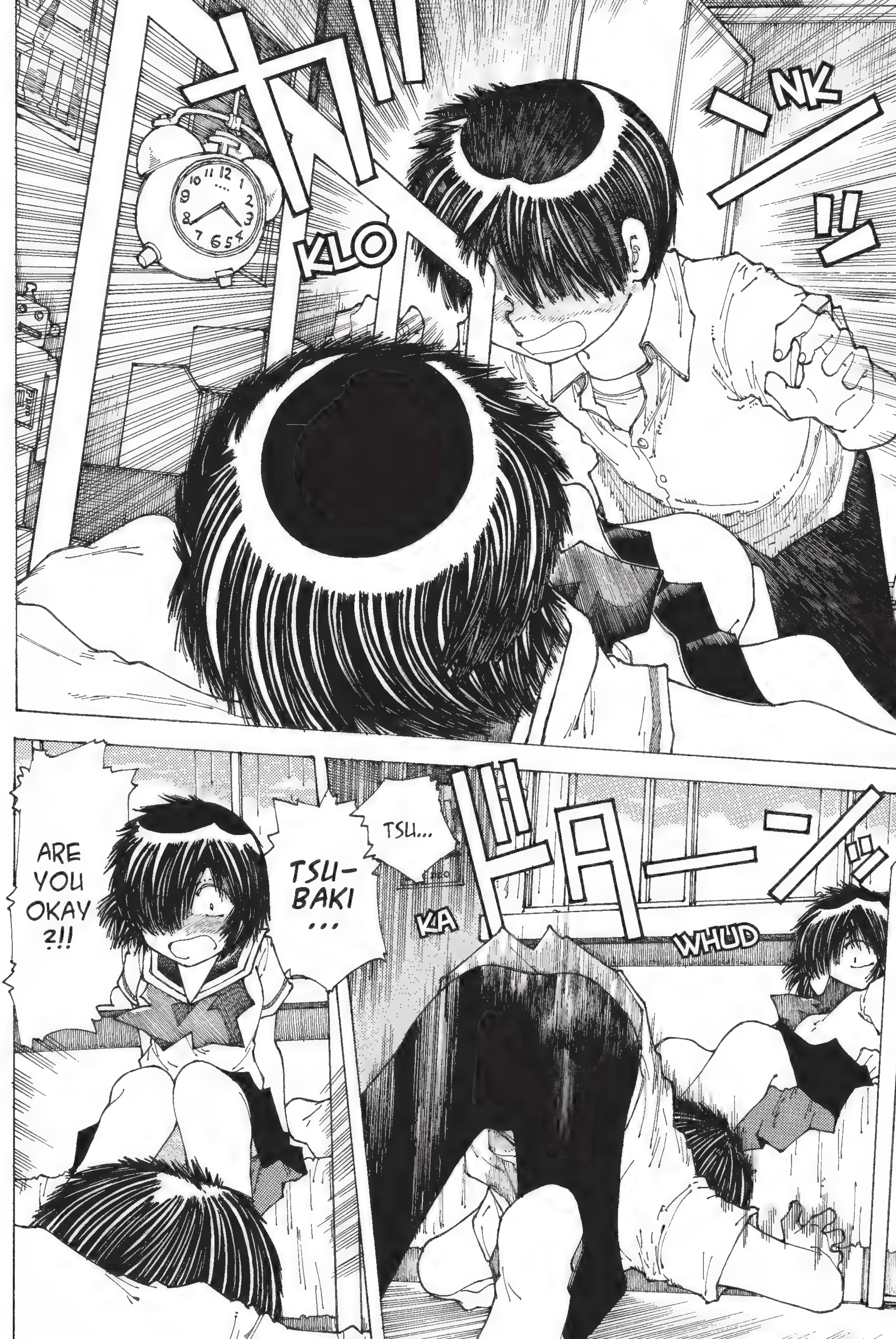

WANT A TASTE,
TSUBAKI?
UH...
OKAY...

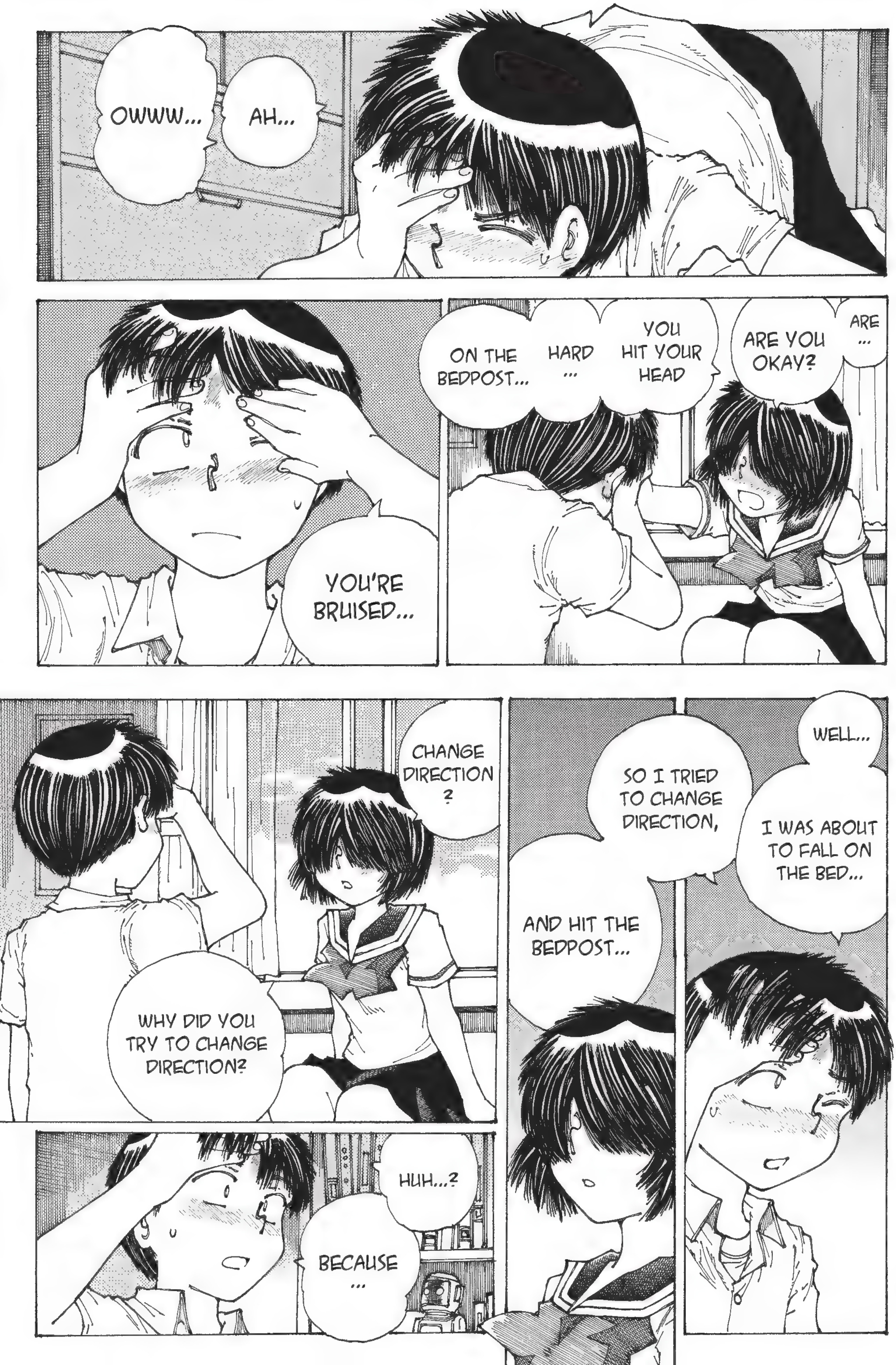

HM?!
HUH?!
URABE LOOKS...
LIKE SHE'S NAKED AGAIN...
THIS IS BAD...
MY HEAD'S STARTING TO FEEL FUZZY...
I'M GONNA END UP HUGGING HER AGAIN...
UH...
UHM... I'M...
GOING HOME...

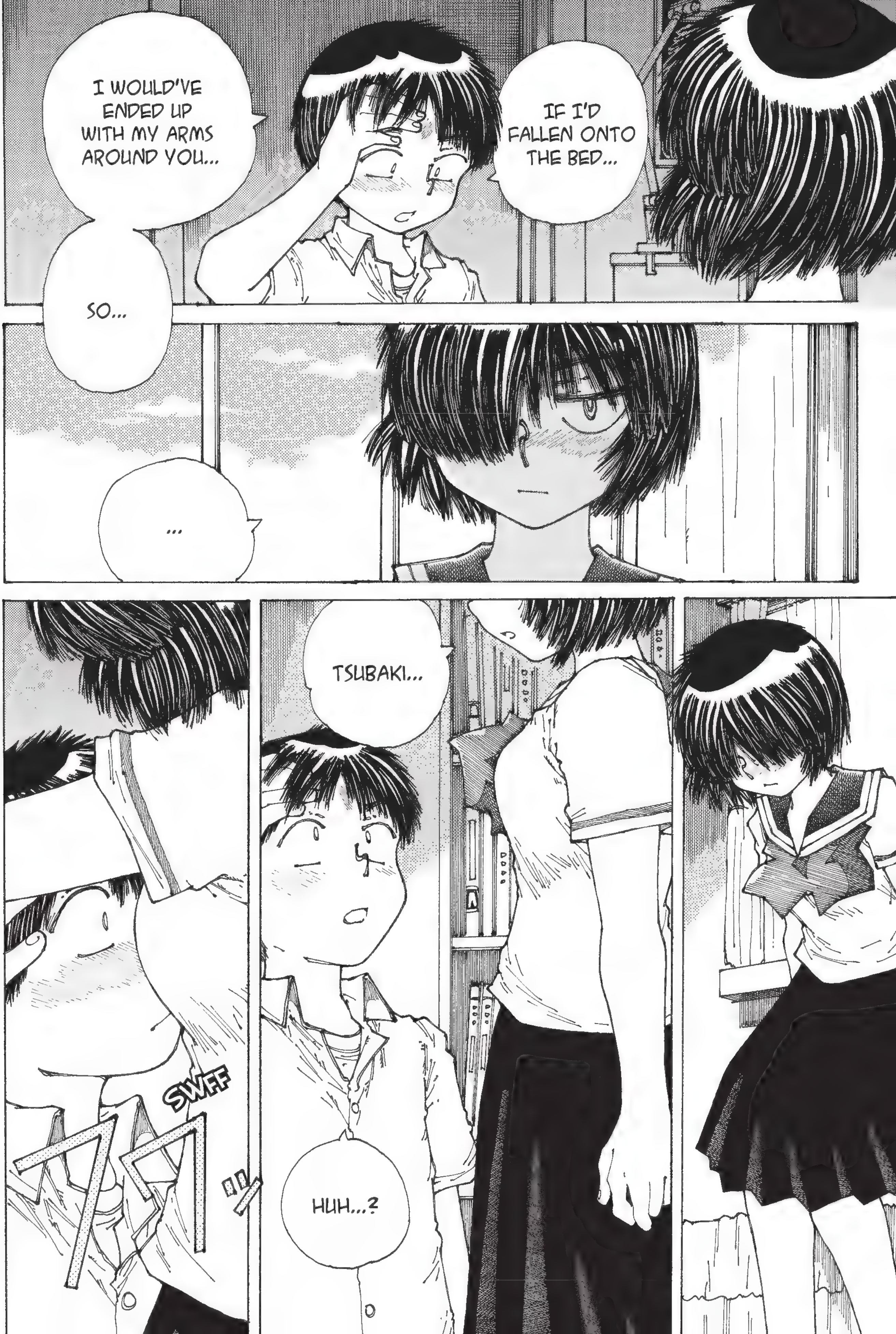

HUH?
GOING HOME...?
YEAH...
SEE YOU TOMORROW ...
BUT I STILL HAVE TO PUT A BANDAGE ON IT...
ENCOUNTER THE 3 KIND
WAIT...
TSUBAKI ...
IF SHE CLINGS TO ME NOW,
THERE'LL BE TROUBLE ...!!

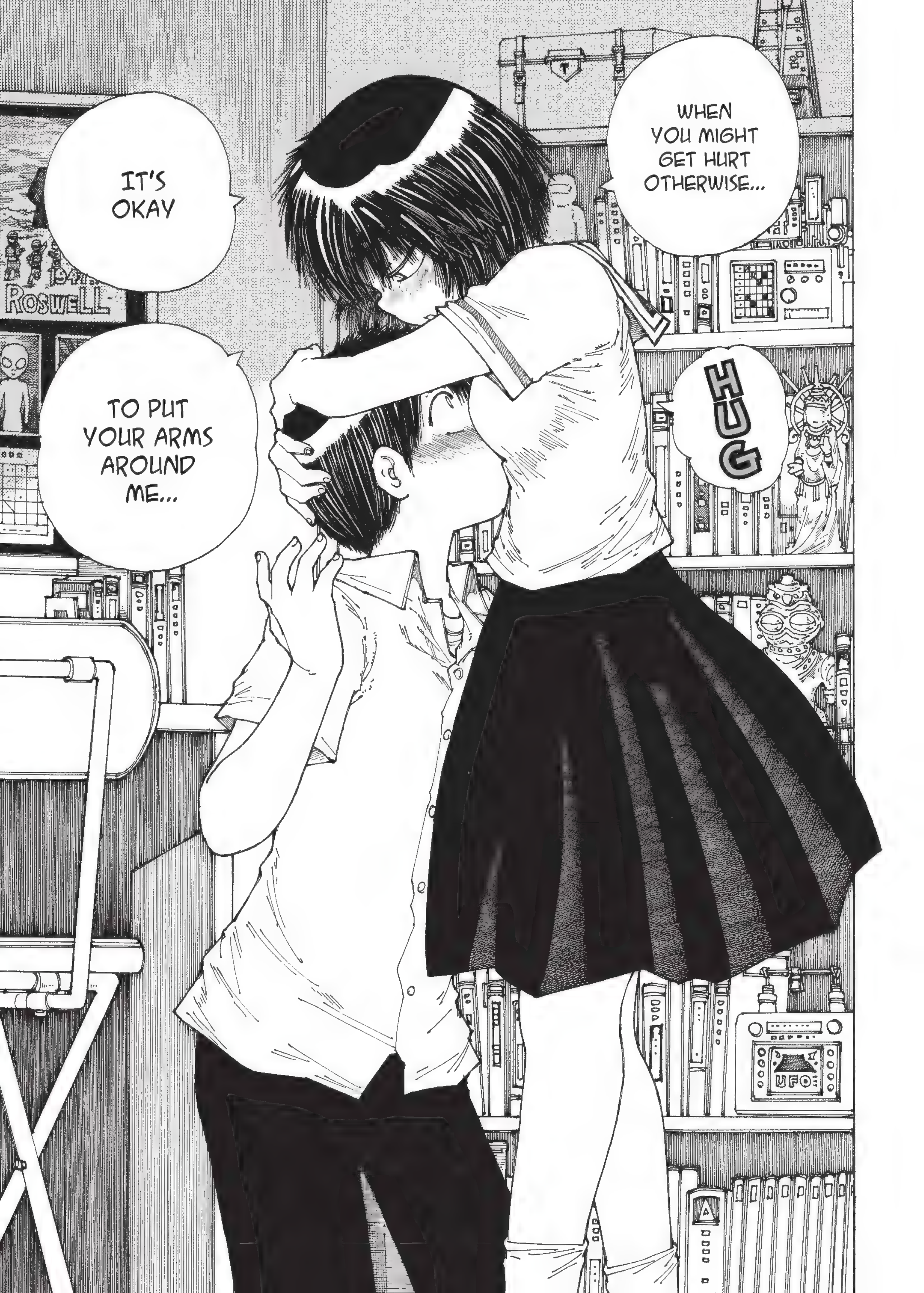

DON'T...
DON'T CLING TO ME RIGHT NOW!!
SHOVE
AAAH...!
ドドッ
WHUD
FLUMP
OH... I PUSHED TOO HARD...
AH...!
I'M...
SORRY!
URA—
ダッ
DASH
ガシャッ
KRASH
ガクッ
STUMBLE
WHA!
WHOA...

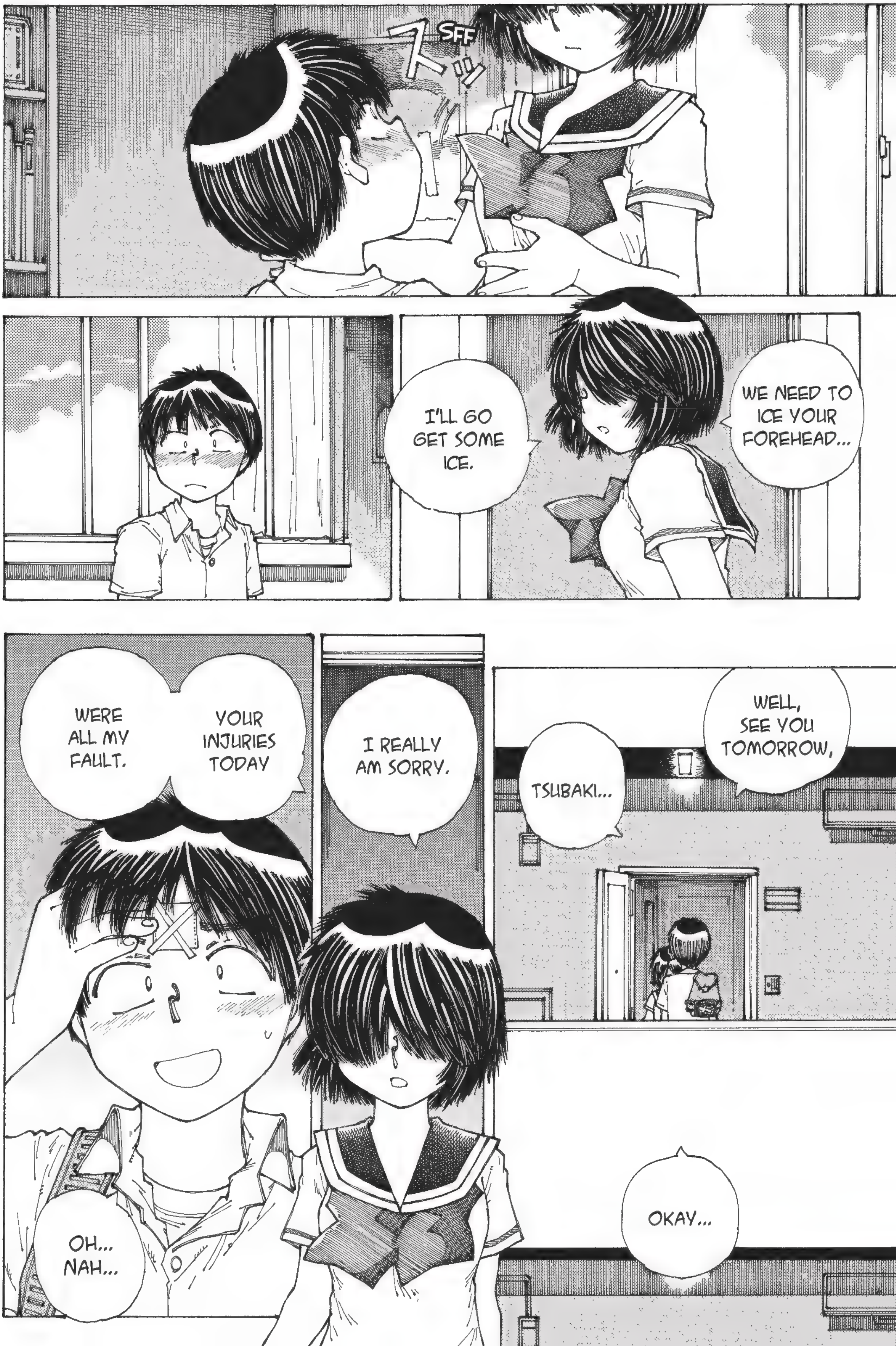

I'M GONNA LAND ON URABE...
DON'T EVER HUG ME
WITHOUT PERMISSION...
I HAVE TO...
TWIST
CHANGE DIREC—
TION...

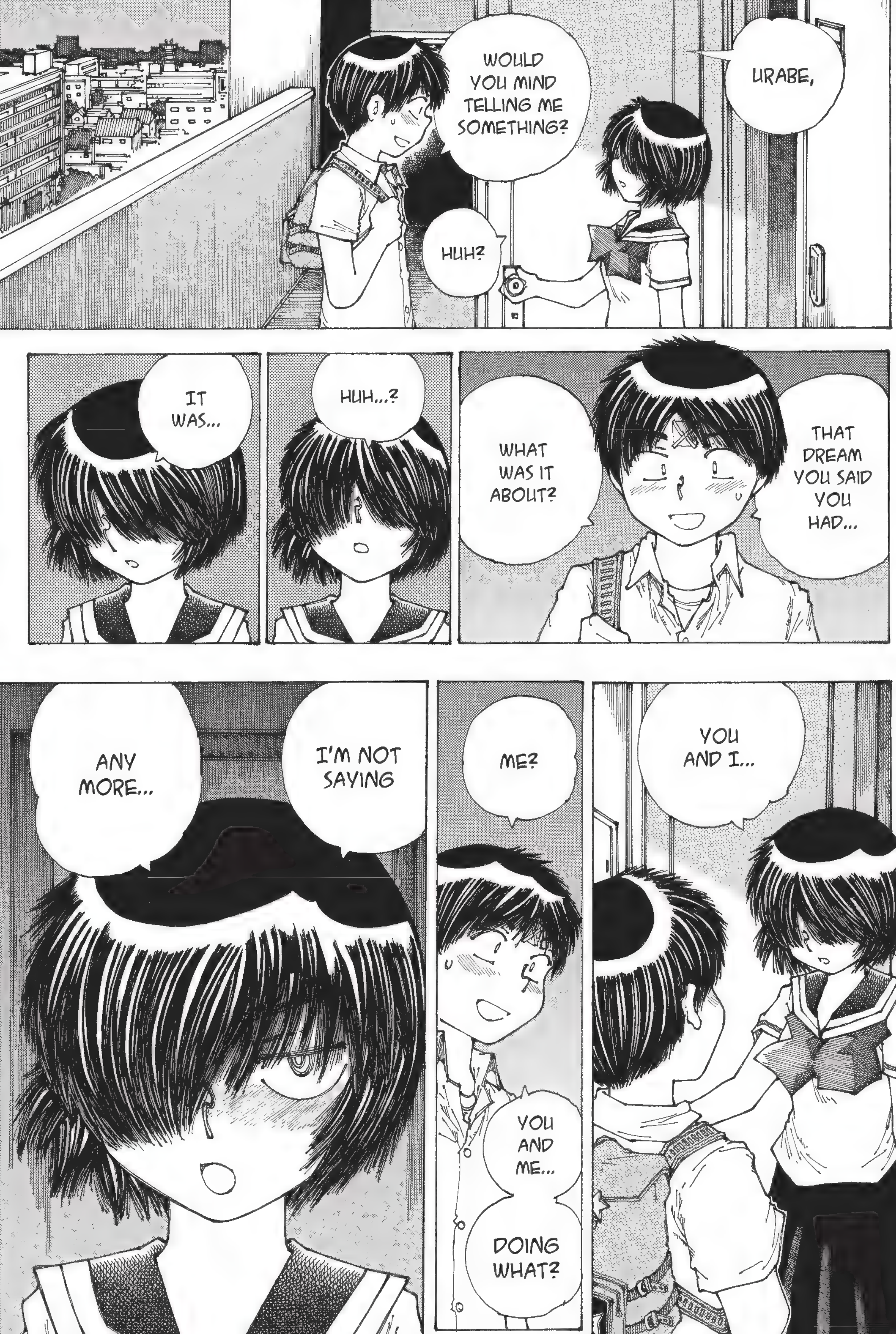

NK
KLO
TSU...
TSU-BAKI...
ARE YOU OKAY ?!!
KA
WHUD


AH...
OWWW...
ARE ...
ARE YOU OKAY?
YOU HIT YOUR HEAD
HARD ...
ON THE BEDPOST...
YOU'RE BRUISED...
WELL...
I WAS ABOUT TO FALL ON THE BED...
SO I TRIED TO CHANGE DIRECTION,
AND HIT THE BEDPOST...
CHANGE DIRECTION ?
WHY DID YOU TRY TO CHANGE DIRECTION?
HUH...?
BECAUSE ...

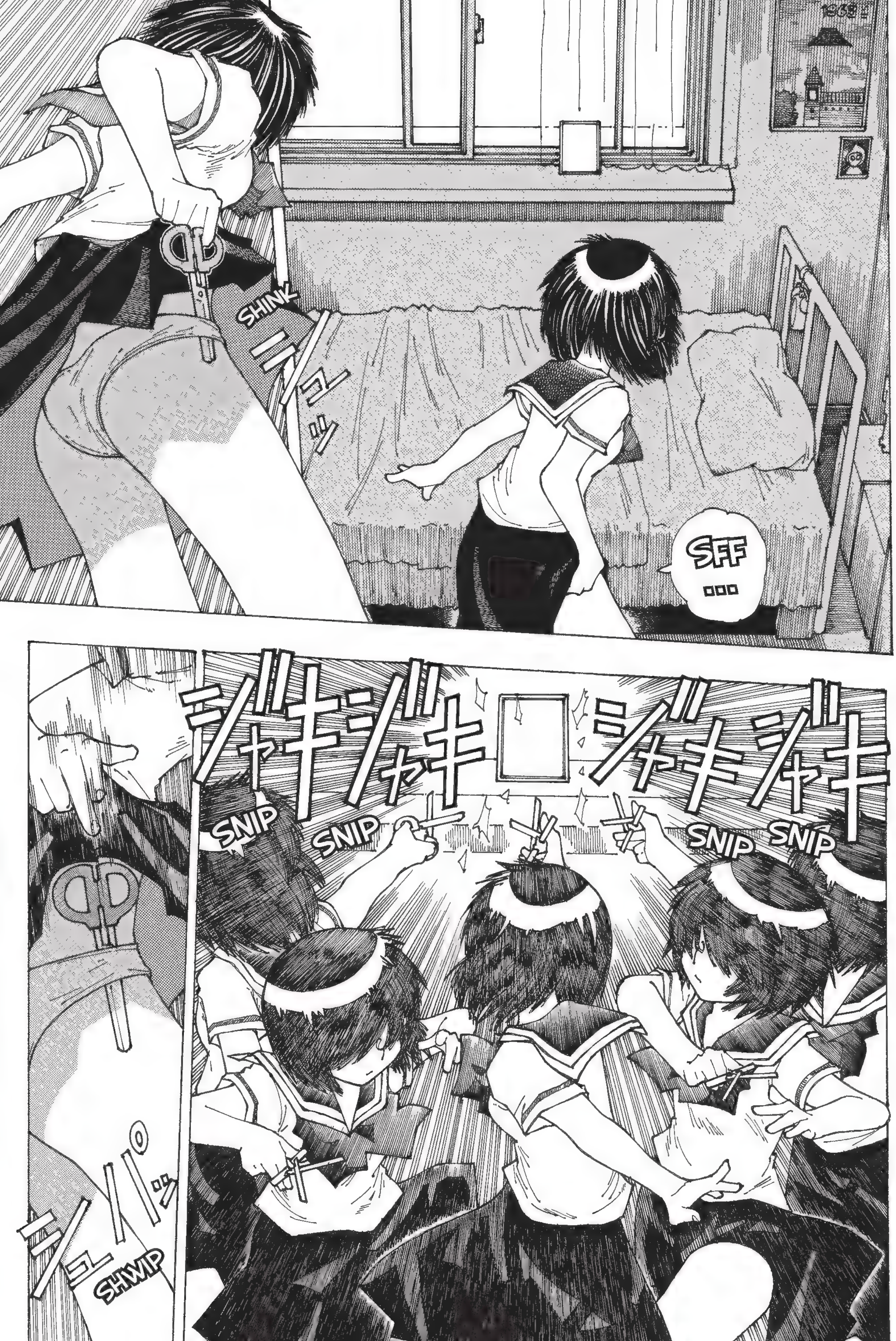

IF I'D FALLEN ONTO THE BED...
I WOULD'VE ENDED UP WITH MY ARMS AROUND YOU...
SO...
...
TSUBAKI...
HUH...?
SWFF

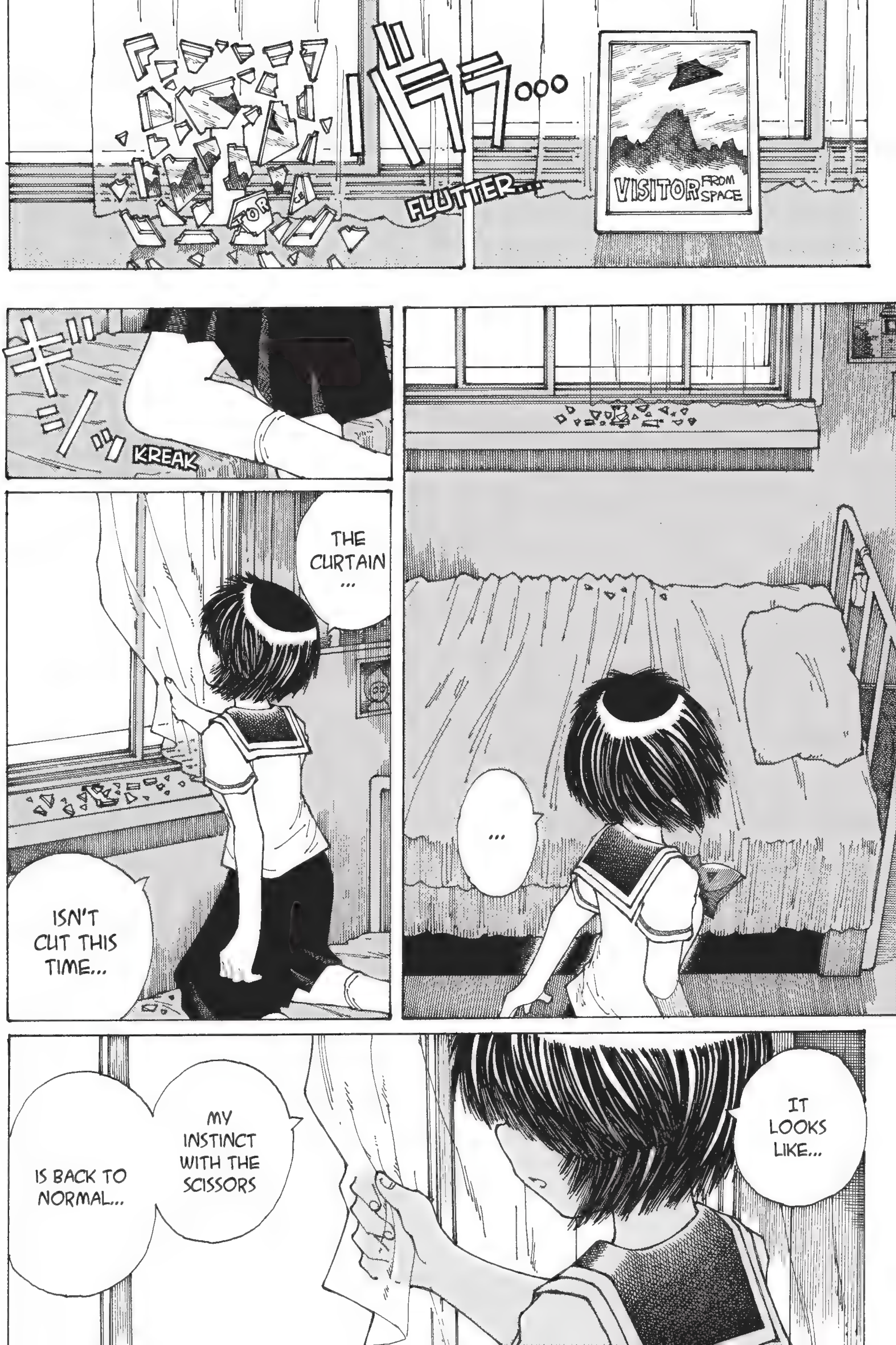

WHEN YOU MIGHT GET HURT OTHERWISE...
IT'S OKAY
HUG
TO PUT YOUR ARMS AROUND ME...
ROSWELL
UFO

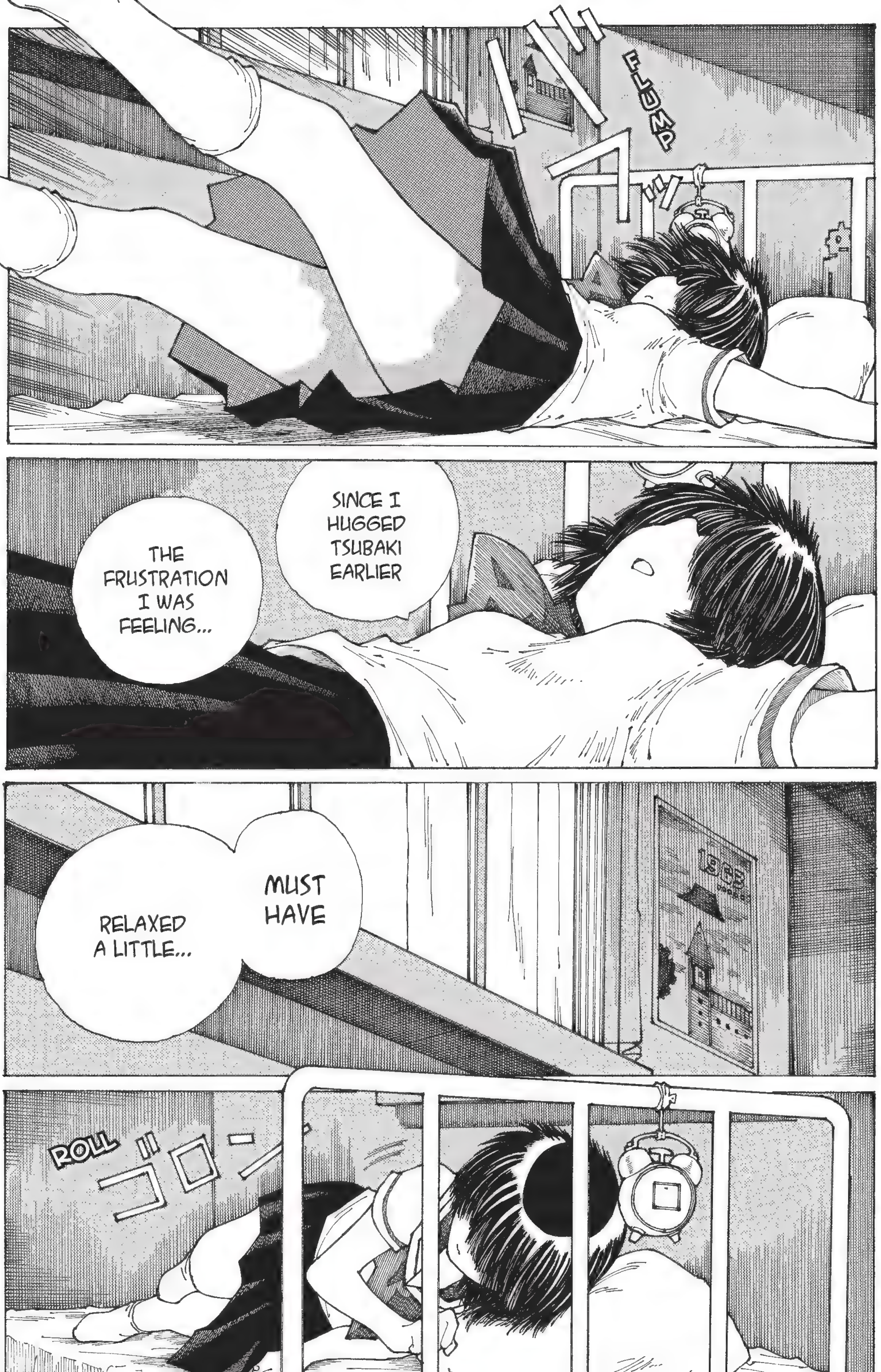

SFF
WE NEED TO ICE YOUR FOREHEAD...
I'LL GO GET SOME ICE.
WELL, SEE YOU TOMORROW,
TSUBAKI...
I REALLY AM SORRY.
YOUR INJURIES TODAY
WERE ALL MY FAULT.
OH... NAH...
OKAY...

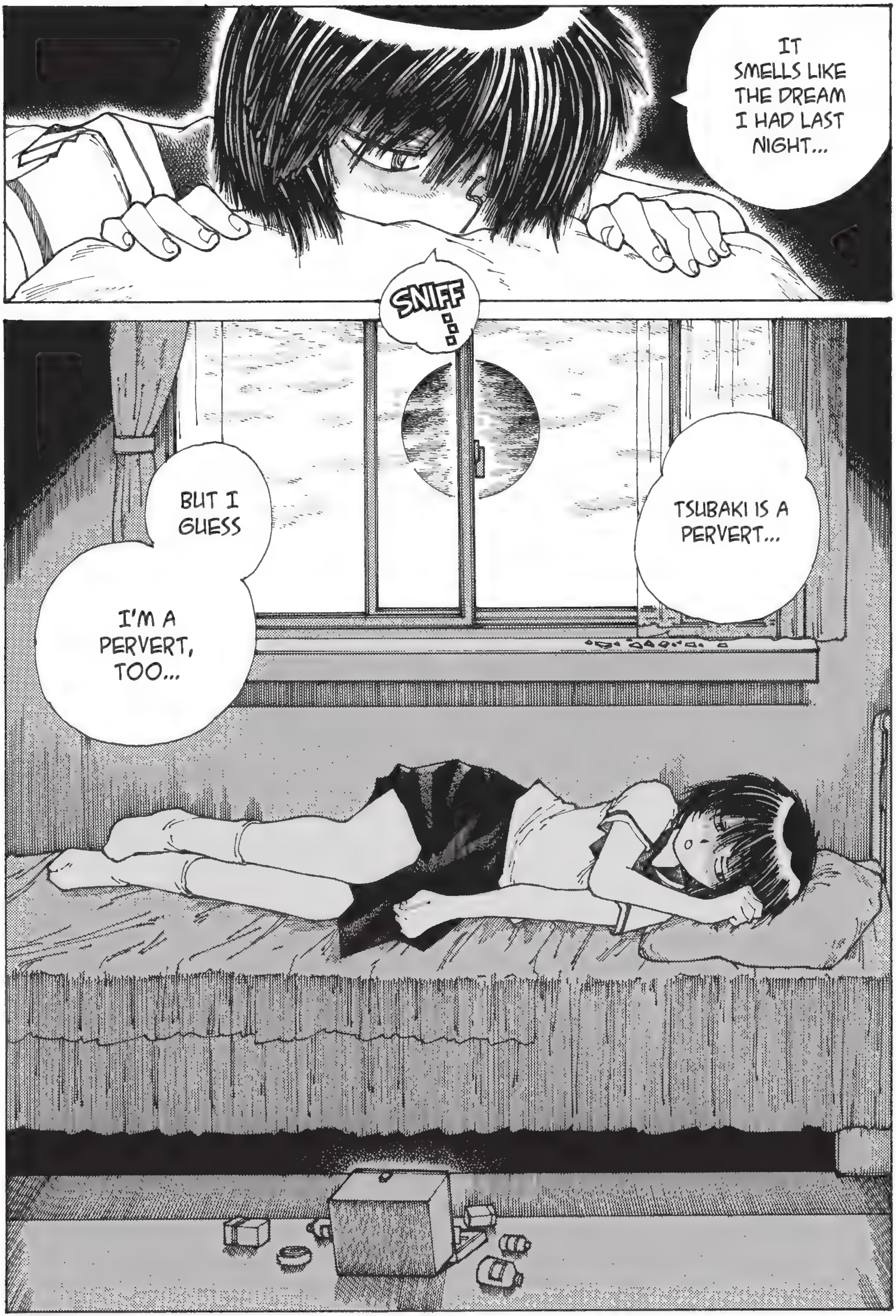

URABE,
WOULD YOU MIND TELLING ME SOMETHING?
HUH?
THAT DREAM YOU SAID YOU HAD...
WHAT WAS IT ABOUT?
HUH...?
IT WAS...
YOU AND I...
ME?
YOU AND ME...
DOING WHAT?
I'M NOT SAYING
ANY MORE...

...
バダーンッ
BTAM
BAD CAT
VISITOR FROM SPACE


1968
シュッ
SHINK
SFF...
ジャキジャキ
ジャキジャキ
SNIP SNIP
SNIP SNIP
シュパッ
SHWIP


VISITOR FROM SPACE
バラララ…
FLUTTER...
...
ギーッ
KREAK
THE CURTAIN ...
ISN'T CUT THIS TIME...
IT LOOKS LIKE...
MY INSTINCT WITH THE SCISSORS
IS BACK TO NORMAL...


FLUMP
SINCE I HUGGED TSUBAKI EARLIER
THE FRUSTRATION I WAS FEELING...
MUST HAVE
RELAXED A LITTLE...
ROLL


IT SMELLS LIKE THE DREAM I HAD LAST NIGHT...
SNIFF...
TSUBAKI IS A PERVERT...
BUT I GUESS
I'M A PERVERT, TOO...

END OF CHAPTER 36

"X" VOLUME 3 IS NOW ON SALE!!

IT'S ALL THANKS TO THE READERS♡

SO, LOOKING OVER VOLUME 3, THE PART THAT STANDS OUT TO ME IS OKA'S **SEXUAL HARASSMENT (?) SCENE.**

I TOOK...
TA-DAA
A PICTURE!
YOU KEEP THOSE SCISSORS TUCKED IN YOUR PANTIES?!
LEMME SEE!
LEMME SEE!
EEEEEEEK!!
WHAP

URABE IS JUST SO CUTE ♡

LATELY, FROM THE LOOKS SHE GIVES URABE, IT SEEMS LIKE OKA IS TURNING INTO A **"DIRTY OLD MAN"** CHARACTER... SO ON THAT NOTE, HERE'S A BONUS COMIC **EXCLUSIVE TO THIS VOLUME** ILLUSTRATING A DAY IN THE LIFE OF OKA AND URABE, **CHAPTER 36.5!**

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MYSTERIOUS GIRLFRIEND X

CHAPTER 36.5

MYSTERIOUS "DIRTY OLD MAN TRANSFORMATION" PHENOMENON

RIICHI UESHIBA

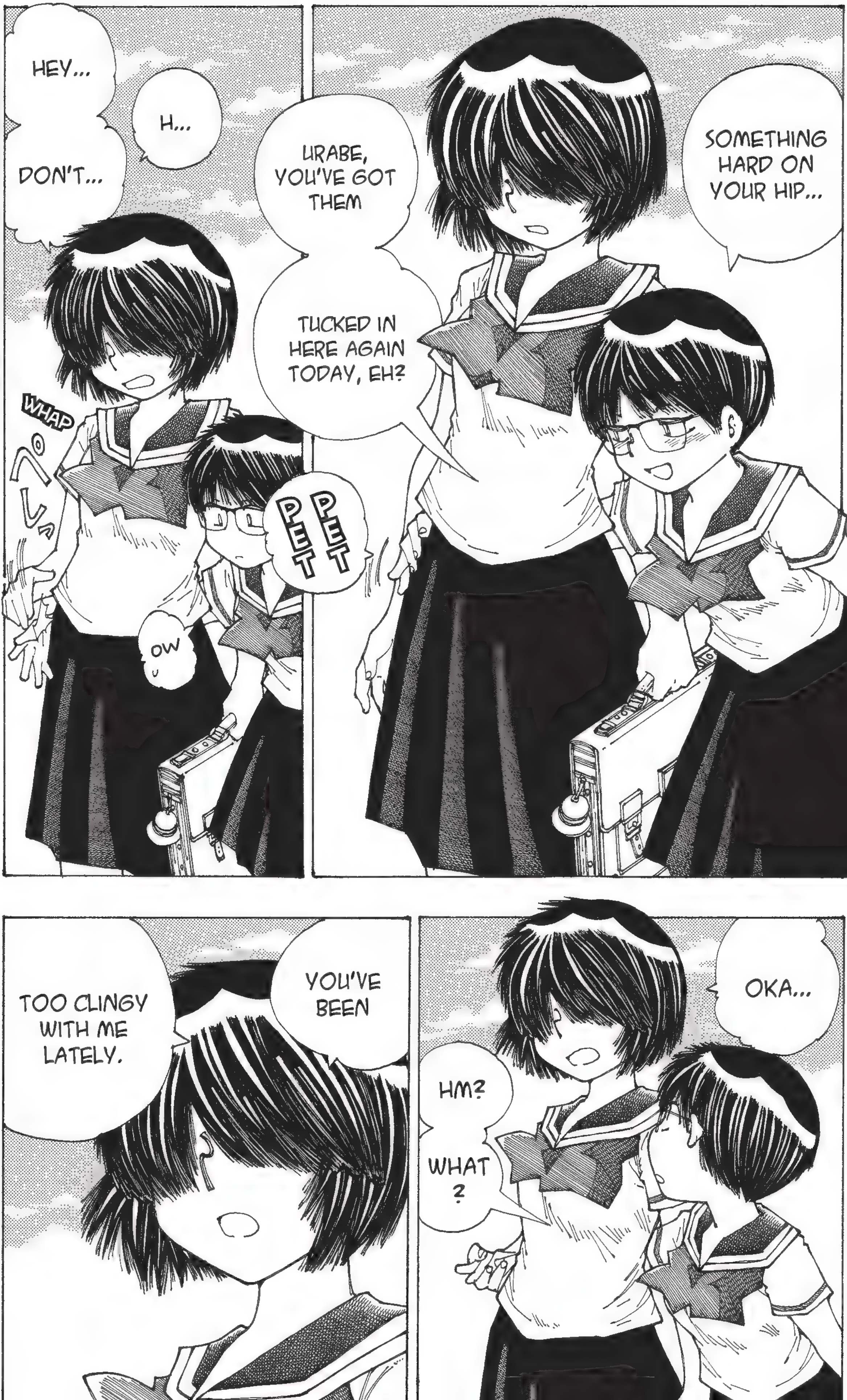
They're good friends now. But nothing should ever be taken too far!!

URABE!
GOOD MORNING!
AH...
GOOD MORNING ...
TROT TROT...
とてて…
SFF

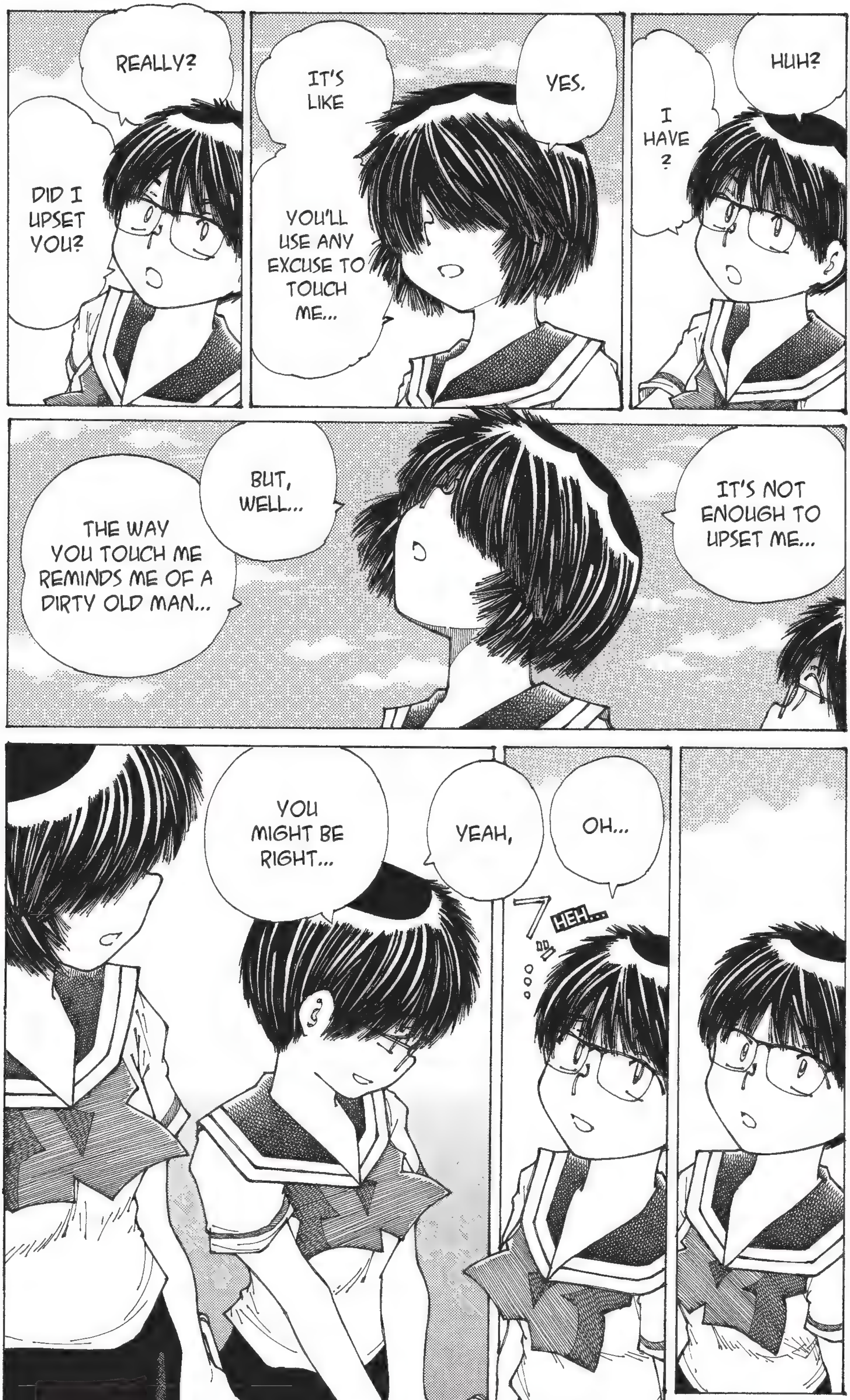
The Latest from the Author

Riichi Ueshiba

WHEN I CREATE A STORY, FIRST A SINGLE SCENE COMES TO MY MIND, AND I DEVELOP THE REST FROM THERE. IN THE CASE OF "MYSTERIOUS GIRLFRIEND X," THE FIRST SCENE THAT CAME TO MY MIND WAS: "IN A CLASSROOM AT SUNSET, A BOY LICKS THE DROOL LEFT ON THE DESK OF A GIRL WHO FELL ASLEEP IN HER SEAT." (CONTINUED...)


SOMETHING HARD ON YOUR HIP...
URABE, YOU'VE GOT THEM
TUCKED IN HERE AGAIN TODAY, EH?
HEY...
H...
DON'T...
WHAP
PET PET
OW
OKA...
HM?
WHAT?
YOU'VE BEEN
TOO CLINGY WITH ME LATELY.

※THIS STORY IS A WORK OF FICTION. RESEMBLANCE TO ANY ACTUAL PERSONS, ORGANIZATIONS, ETC. IS PURELY COINCIDENTAL.


HUH?
I HAVE?
YES.
IT'S LIKE YOU'LL USE ANY EXCUSE TO TOUCH ME...
REALLY?
DID I UPSET YOU?
IT'S NOT ENOUGH TO UPSET ME...
BUT, WELL...
THE WAY YOU TOUCH ME REMINDS ME OF A DIRTY OLD MAN...
OH...
HEH...
YEAH,
YOU MIGHT BE RIGHT...

The Latest from the Author

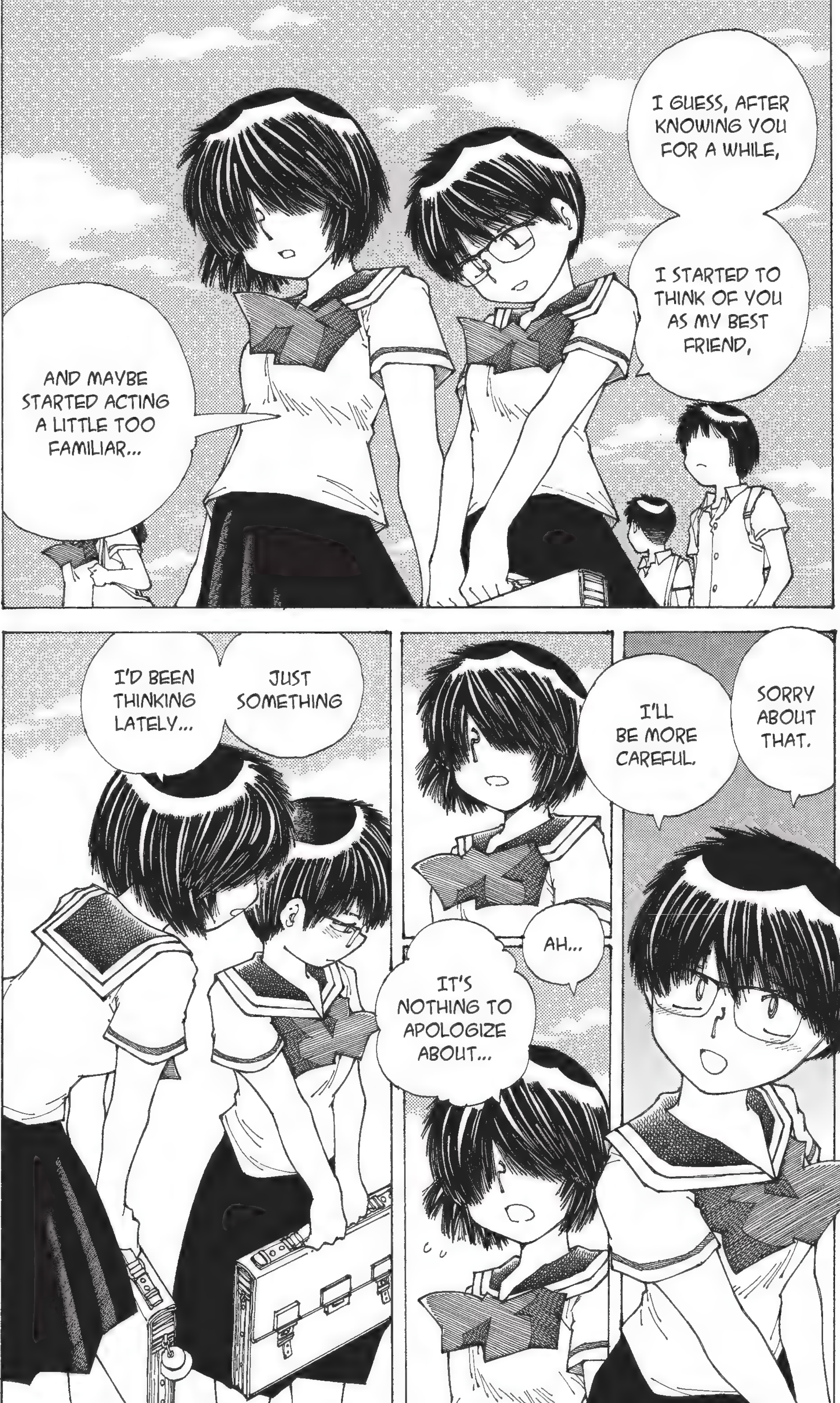
Riichi Ueshiba

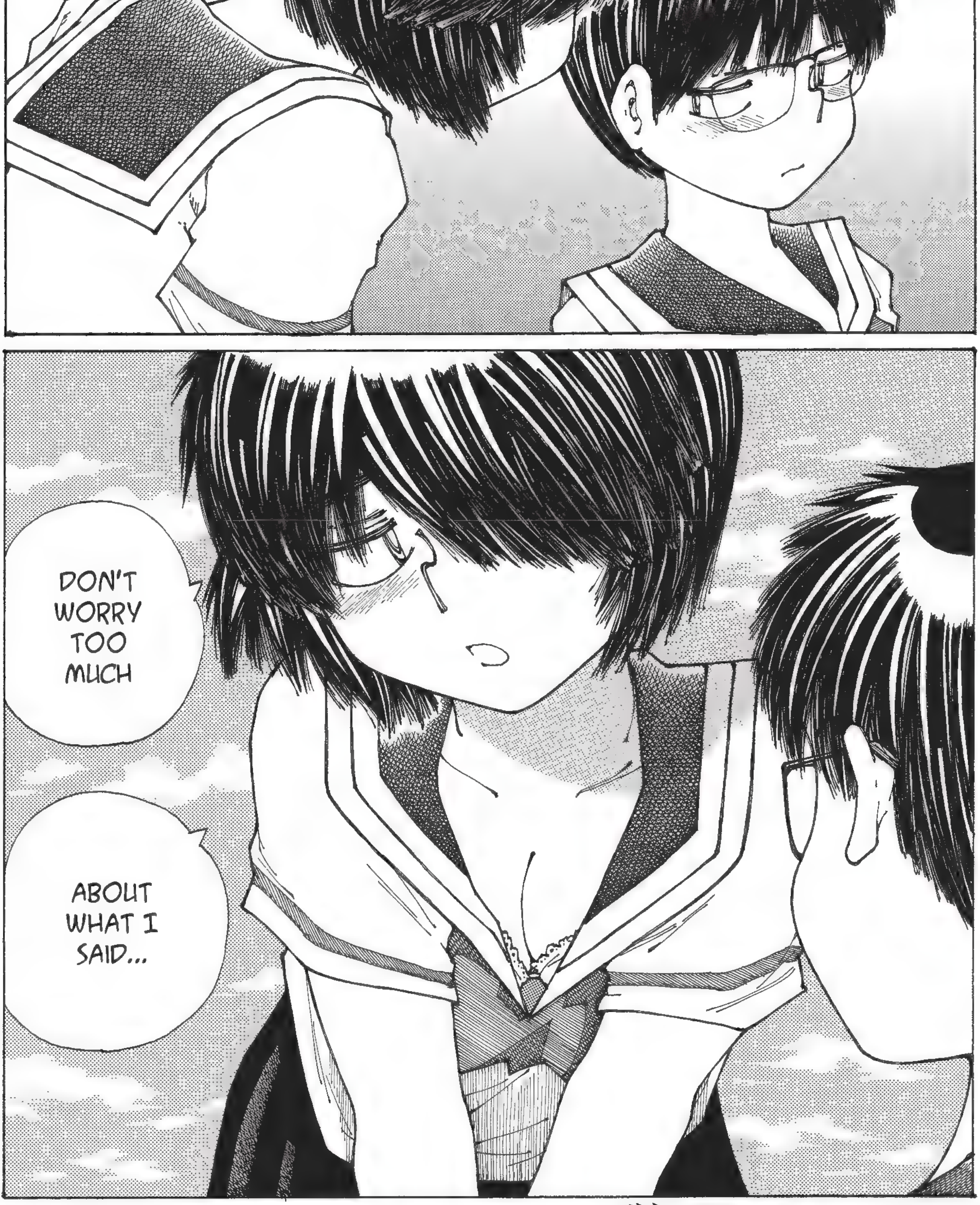
IT WAS THE SCENE IN VOLUME 1 WHERE TSUBAKI GOT HIS FIRST REAL LOOK AT URABE'S FACE. ANYWAY, RECENTLY I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT "EXPERIENCES." AS I WROTE IN MY ESSAY FOR VOLUME 1, I DIDN'T HAVE A GIRLFRIEND IN HIGH SCHOOL. IF I'D HAD A GIRLFRIEND THEN, THE REALITY OF MY EXPERIENCE PROBABLY WOULD HAVE INFLUENCED ME... (CONTINUED...)

The Latest from the Author

Riichi Ueshiba

AND I PROBABLY NEVER WOULD HAVE COME UP WITH AN IDEA AS ECCENTRIC AS "A BOY-MEETS-GIRL THAT STARTS WITH THE LICKING OF DROOL." THOUGH, I CAN'T SAY FOR SURE WHETHER I'D HAVE BEEN HAPPIER IF I'D HAD A GIRLFRIEND IN HIGH SCHOOL, OR IF I HADN'T HAD A GIRLFRIEND BUT WENT ON TO BECOME A MANGA ARTIST AND COME UP WITH IDEAS THAT INTEREST ME SO DEEPLY...


I GUESS, AFTER KNOWING YOU FOR A WHILE,
I STARTED TO THINK OF YOU AS MY BEST FRIEND,
AND MAYBE STARTED ACTING A LITTLE TOO FAMILIAR...
SORRY ABOUT THAT.
I'LL BE MORE CAREFUL.
AH...
IT'S NOTHING TO APOLOGIZE ABOUT...
JUST SOMETHING
I'D BEEN THINKING LATELY...


DON'T WORRY TOO MUCH
ABOUT WHAT I SAID...
WHAT A LOVELY SIGHT SO EARLY IN THE MORNING.
SMIRK
I'M LUCKY TO BE SO SHORT ♪
AND THUS, OKA'S "DIRTY OLD MAN TRANSFORMATION" CONTINUES TO ESCALATE...
AND HER TOUCHING DIDN'T LET UP AT ALL...

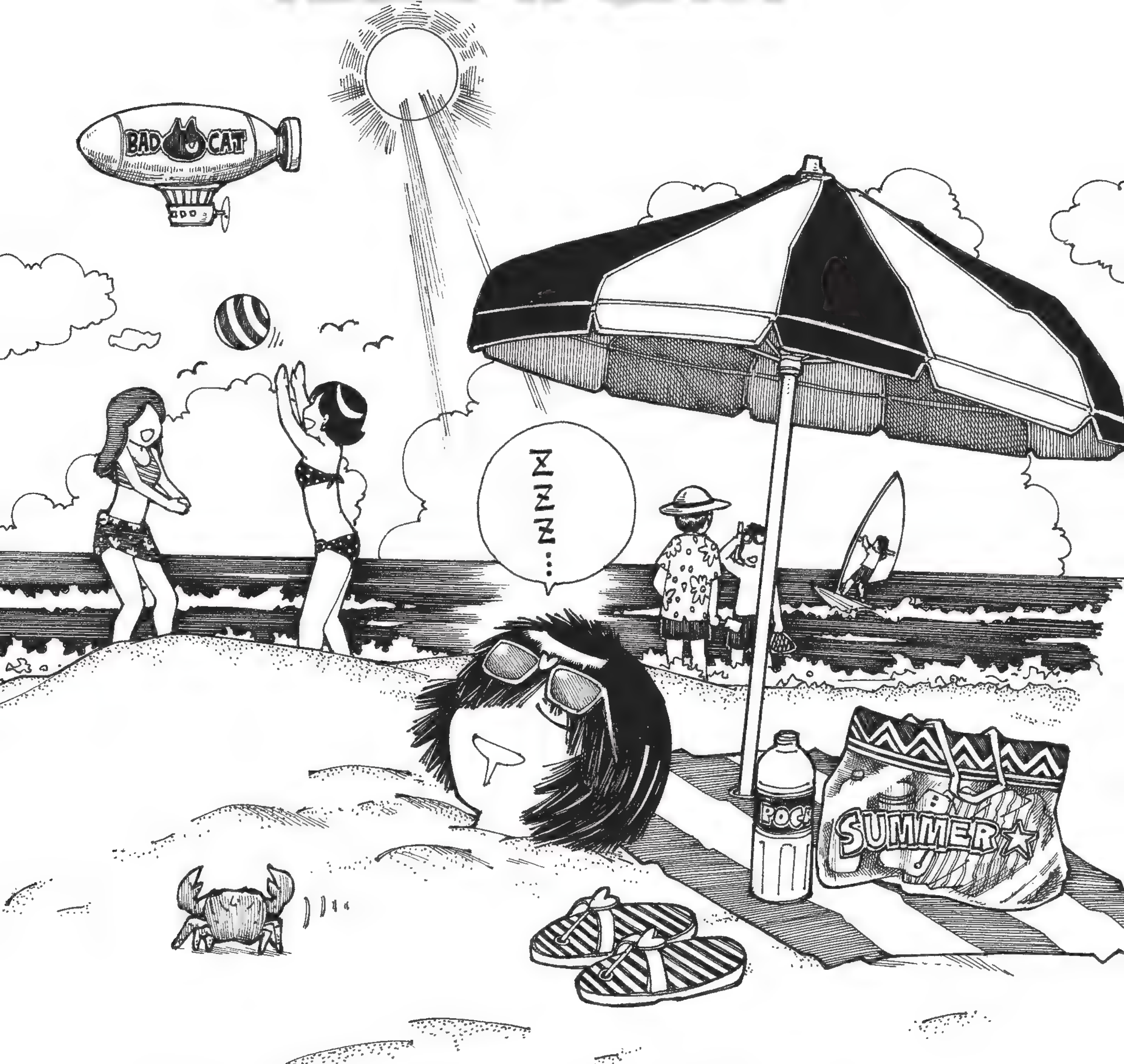
Not so much a "dirty old man" as a "weird geezer" transformation?!

MYSTERIOUS GIRLFRIEND X

END OF CHAPTER 36.5

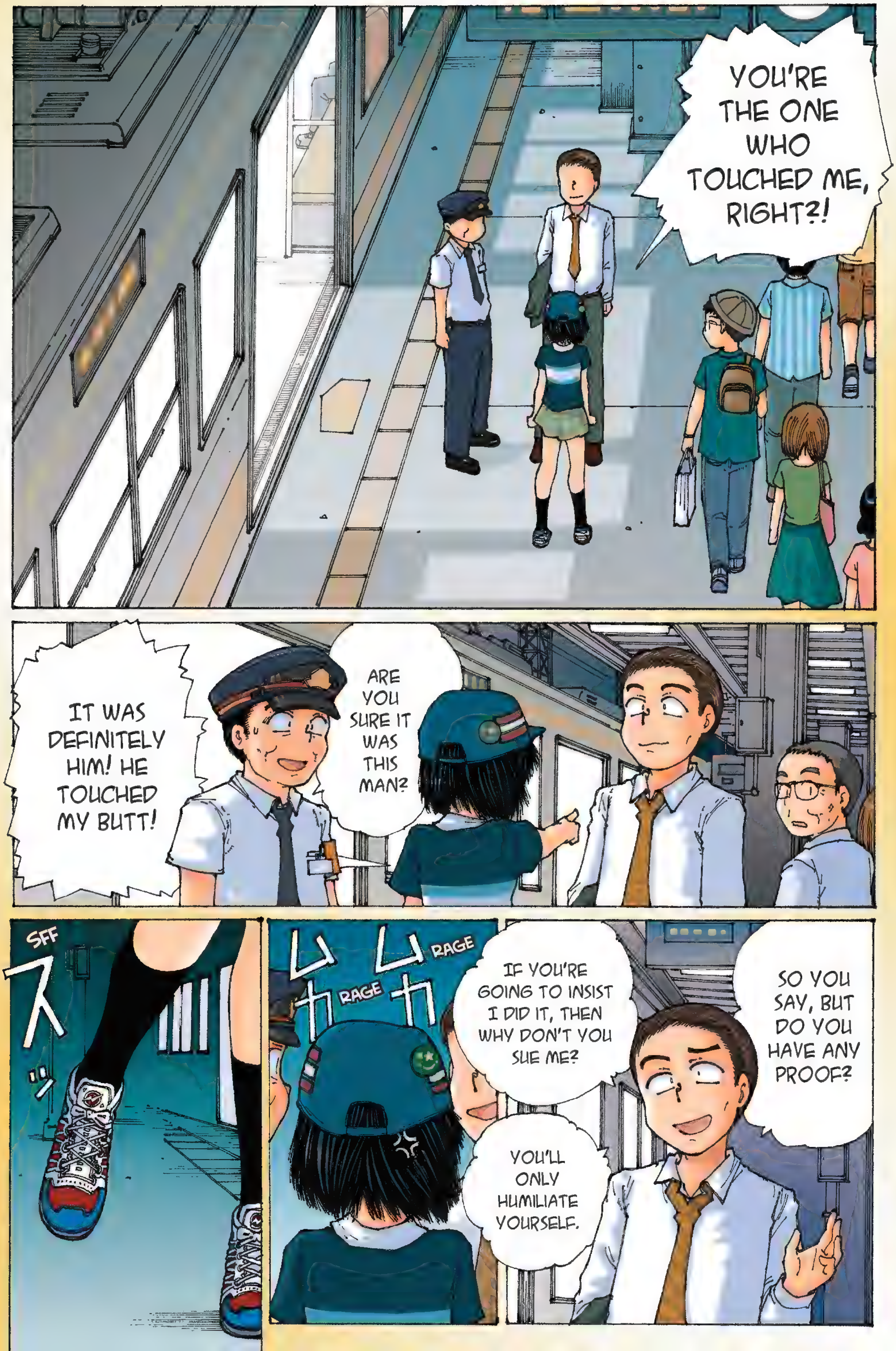
NEXT TIME, A NEW DEVELOPMENT PRESENTED IN COLOR! IS TSUBAKI'S RELATIONSHIP WITH URABE CHANGING?!

DON'T YOU THINK A GIRL WHO DROOLS WHEN SHE FALLS ASLEEP IS CUTE?


BAD CAT
ZZZ...
POCA
SUMMER

WELL, THIS IS A COMIC
ABOUT THAT SORT OF GIRL.

FIRE


YOU'RE THE ONE WHO TOUCHED ME, RIGHT?!
ARE YOU SURE IT WAS THIS MAN?
IT WAS DEFINITELY HIM! HE TOUCHED MY BUTT!
SO YOU SAY, BUT DO YOU HAVE ANY PROOF?
IF YOU'RE GOING TO INSIST I DID IT, THEN WHY DON'T YOU SUE ME?
YOU'LL ONLY HUMILIATE YOURSELF.
ムカ RAGE
ムカ RAGE
SFF
スッ

CHAPTER 37: MYSTERIOUS HIGH KICK

ヒュッ
SWING
SLAMM
LOVE
FIRE

KA
WHUDD
LOVE
ギュッ
TUG
FIRE

VERTICAL COMICS

MYSTERIOUS GIRLFRIEND X

RIICHI UESHIBA

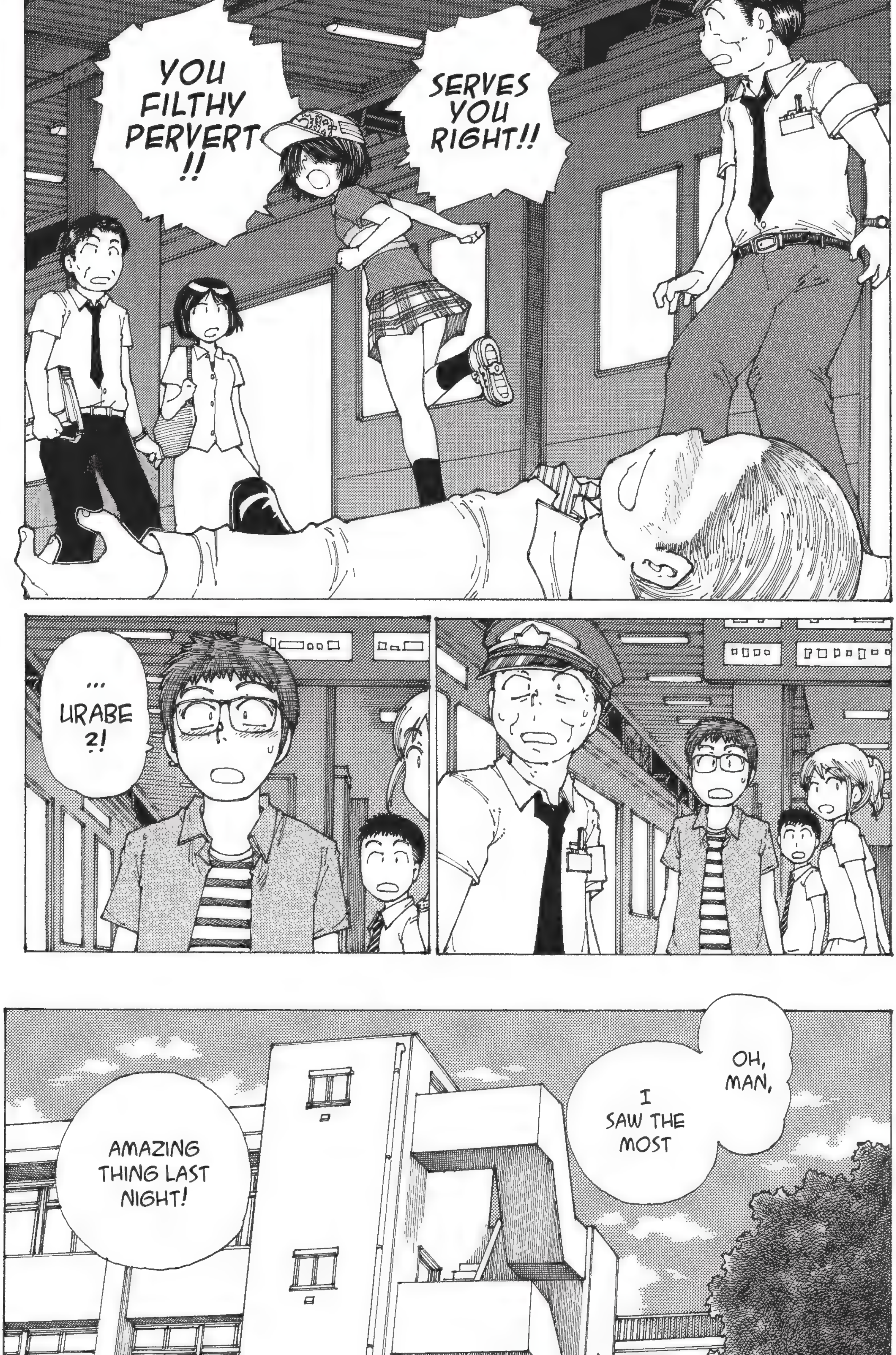
CHARACTERS

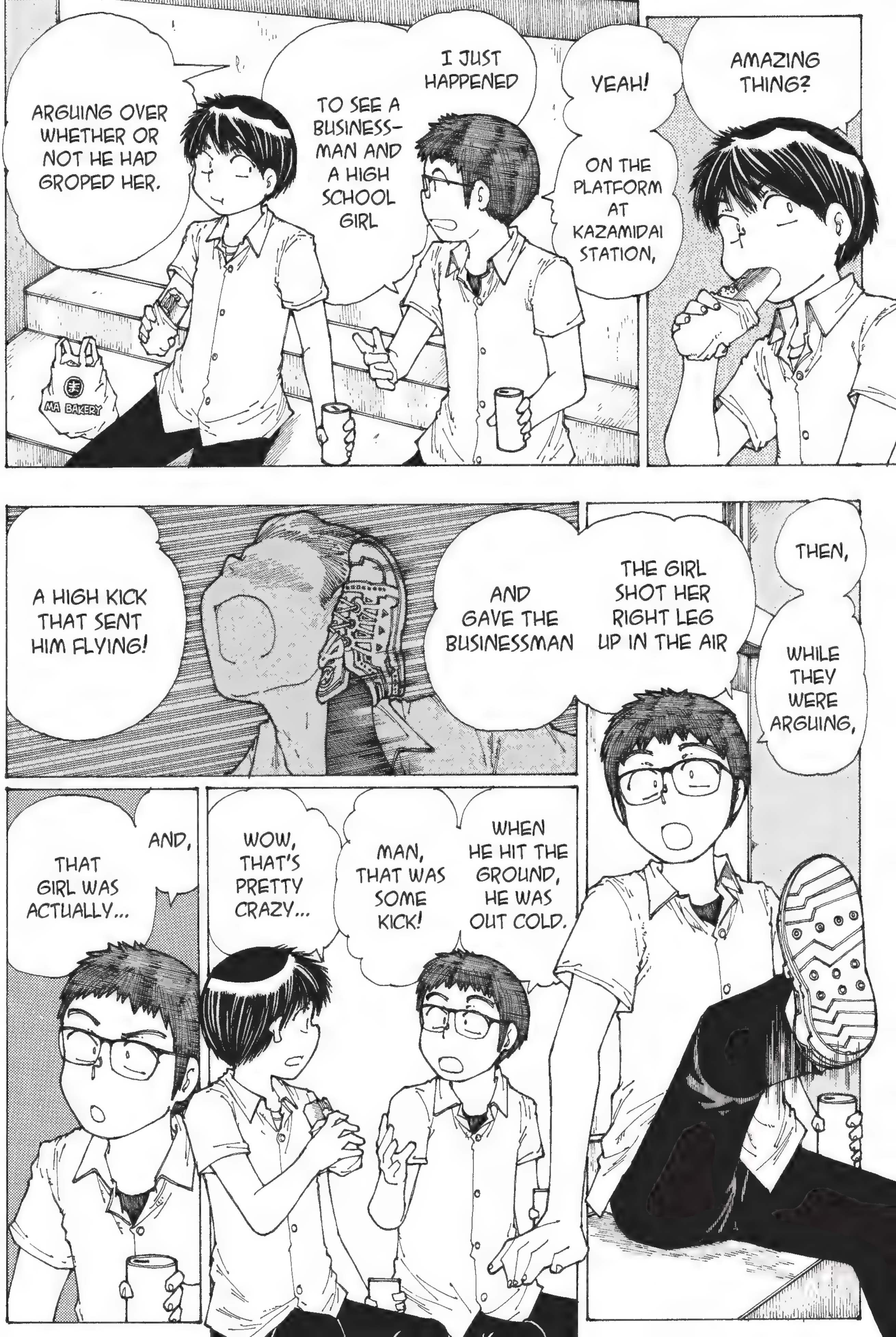
Mikoto Urabe (17)

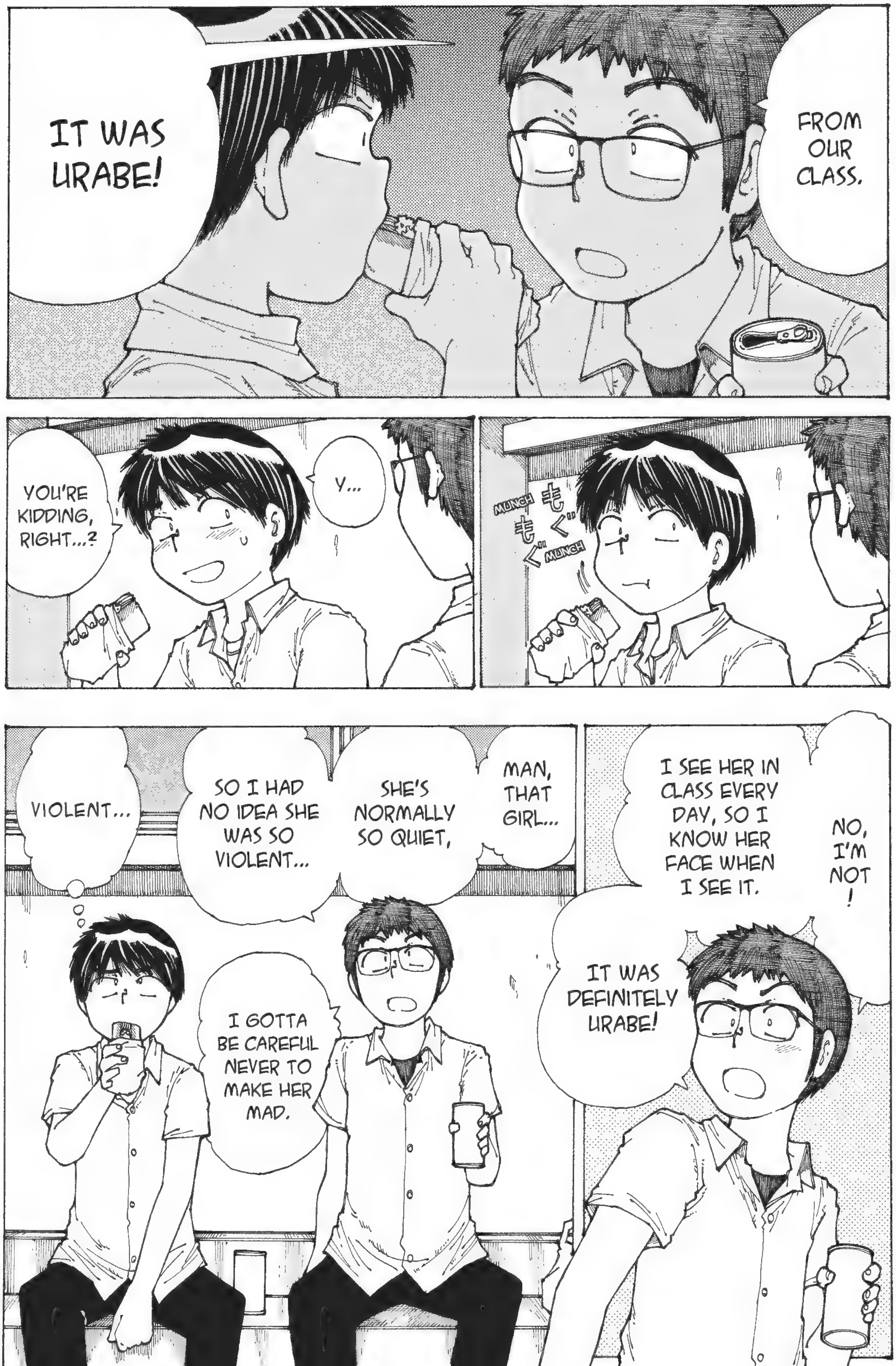
A transfer student who joined Tsubaki's class. She can convey her own feelings through her drool, as well as pick up on Tsubaki's feelings through his. She's anti-social and everything she says and does is mysterious, but her ideas about love are very pure. Her hobby is using scissors, which she can use to cut up anything.

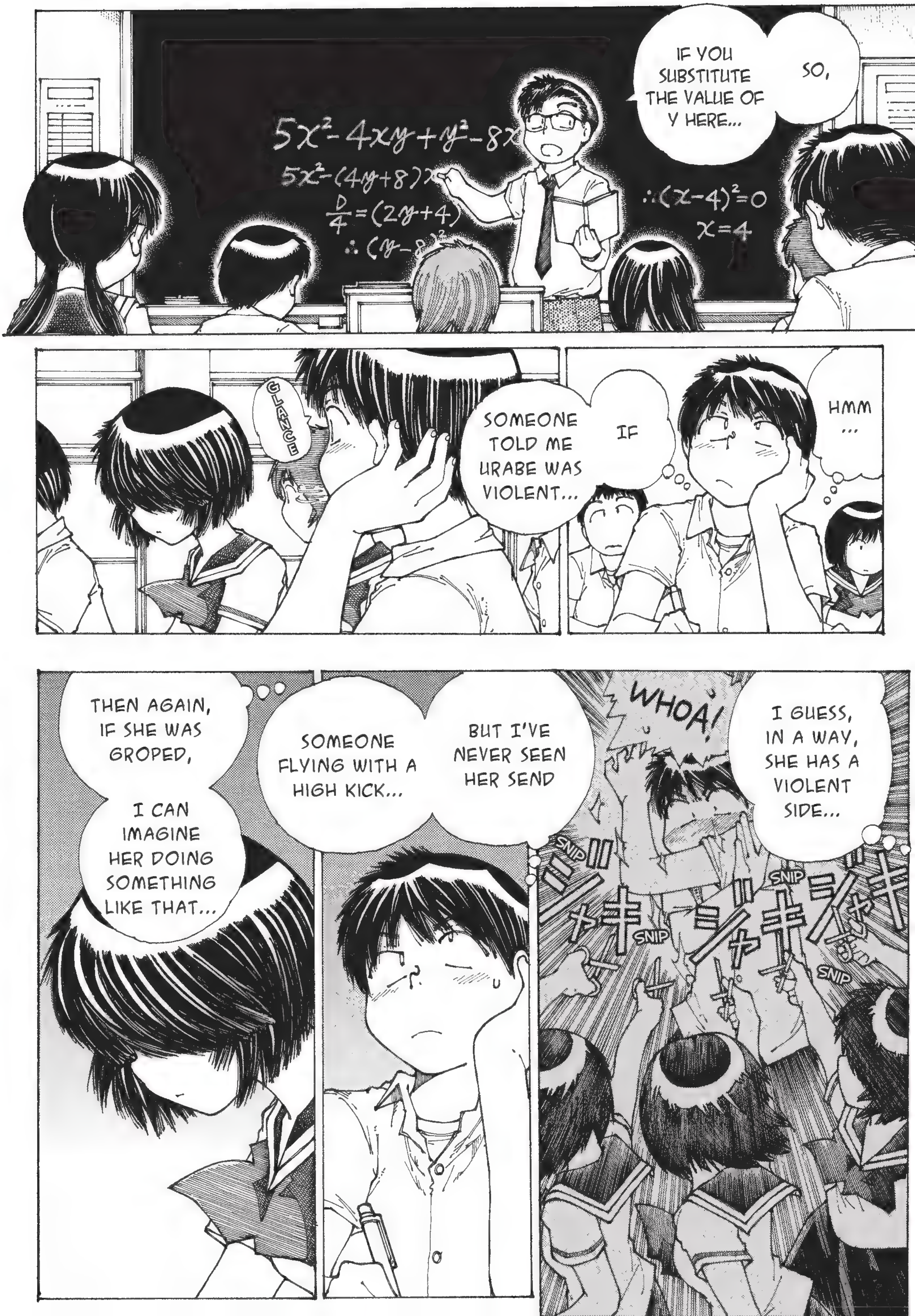
Akira Tsubaki (17)

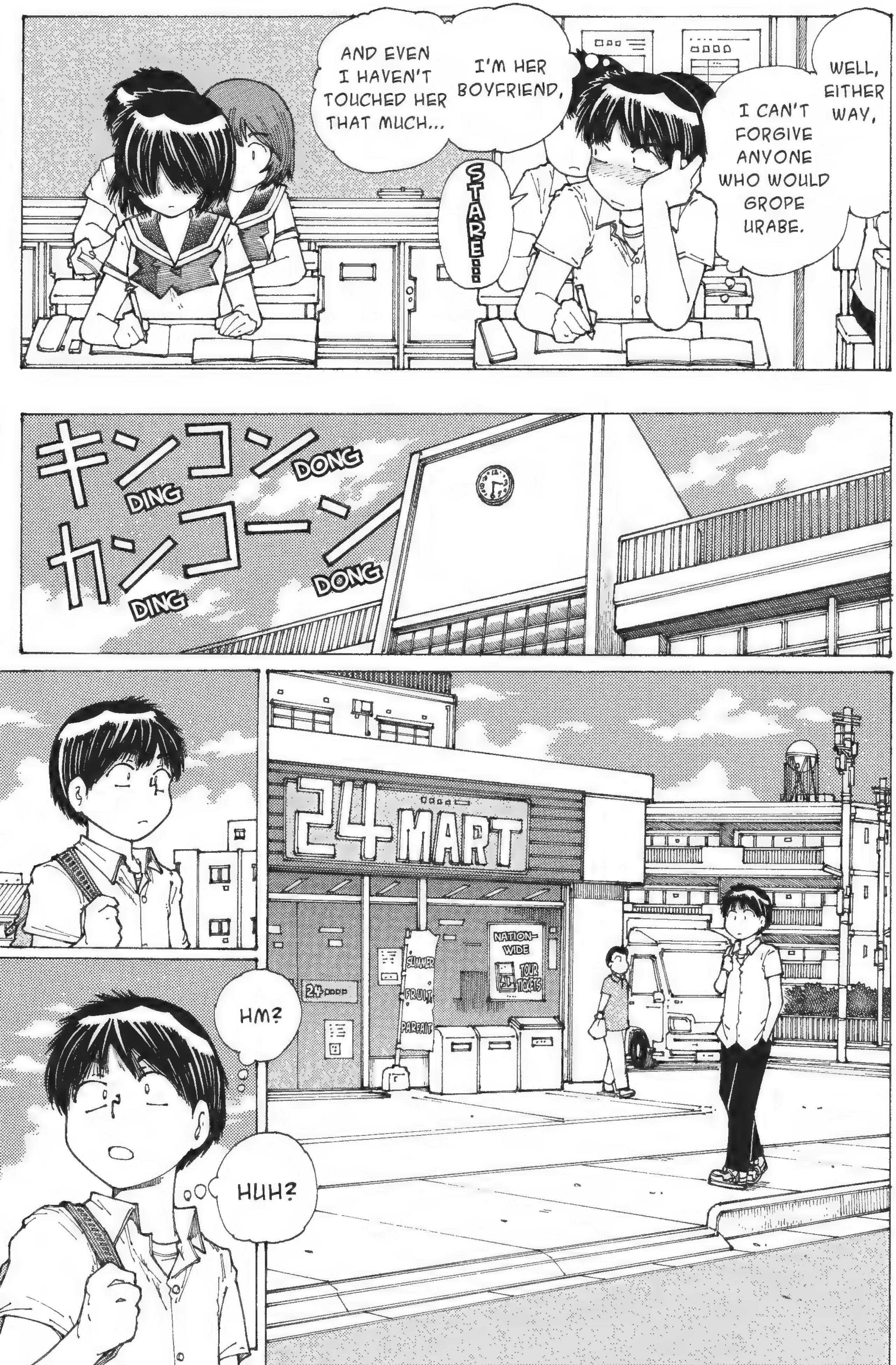
The protagonist of the story. His bizarre relationship with Urabe began after he licked her drool one day. He is as interested in girls as any boy his age, but Urabe takes the lead in their relationship and Tsubaki can't seem to initiate any progress between them.

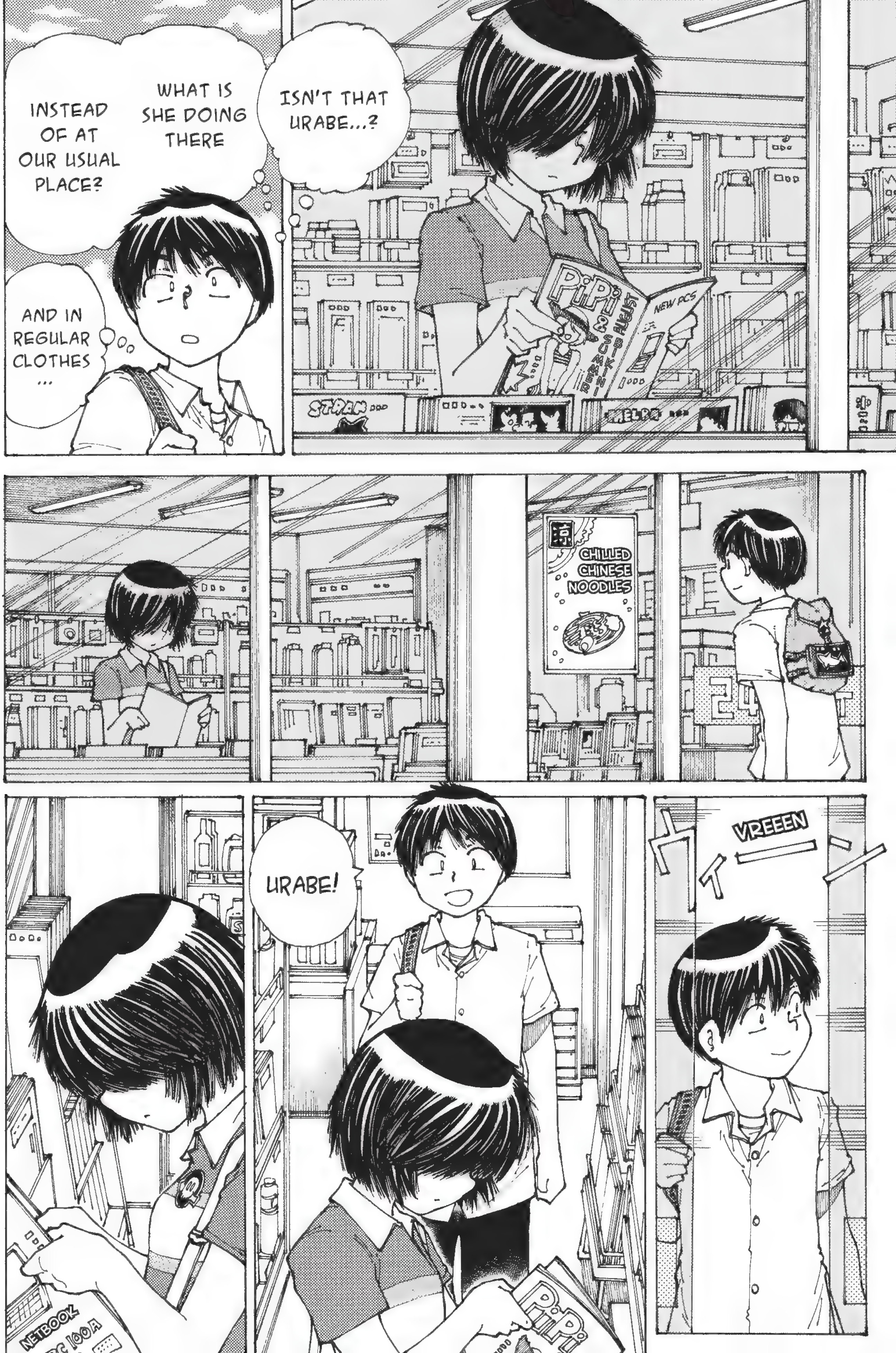

SERVES YOU RIGHT!!
YOU FILTHY PERVERT!!
...URABE?!
OH, MAN, I SAW THE MOST
AMAZING THING LAST NIGHT!

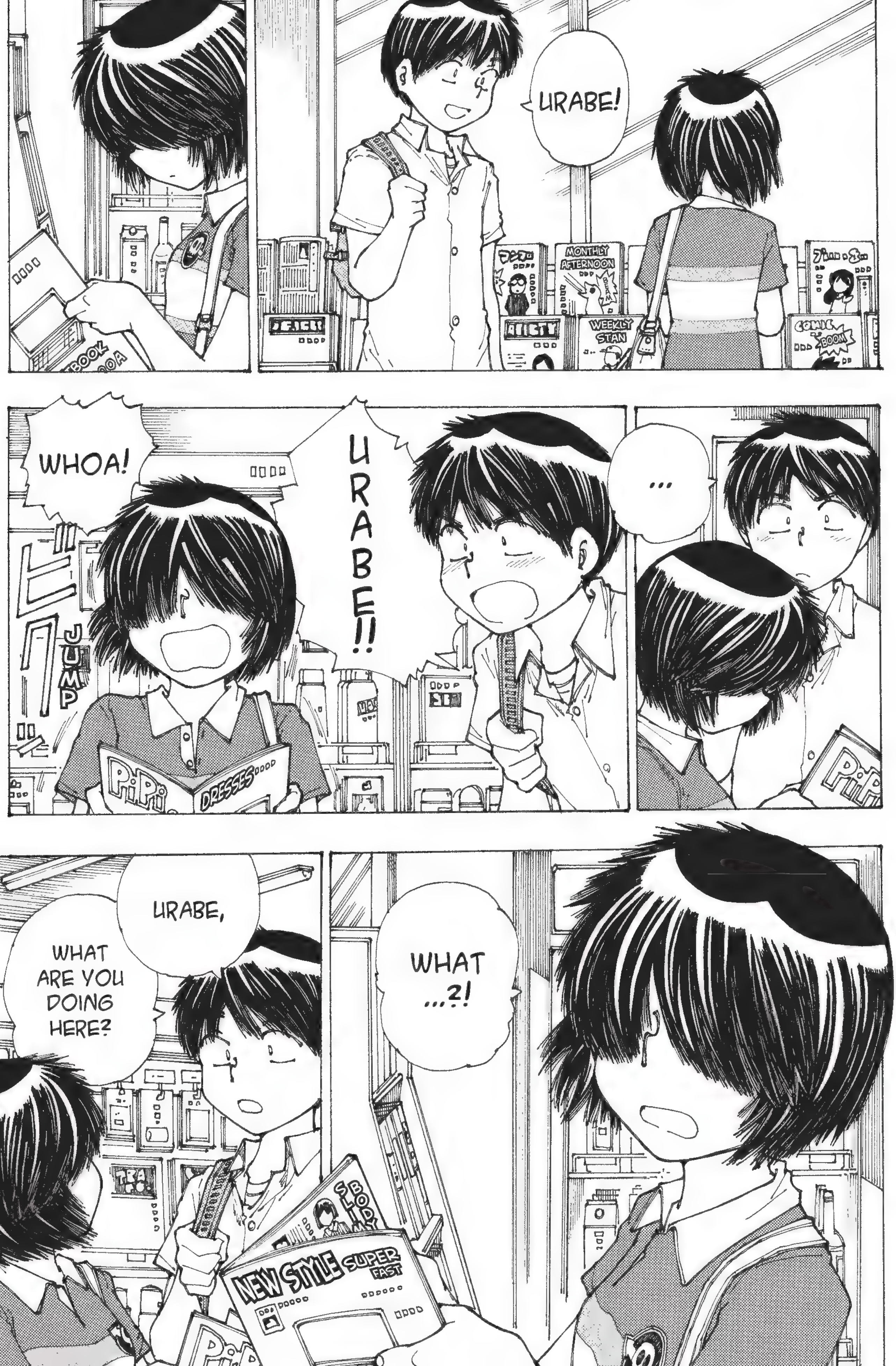

AMAZING THING?
YEAH!
ON THE PLATFORM AT KAZAMIDAI STATION,
I JUST HAPPENED
TO SEE A BUSINESSMAN AND A HIGH SCHOOL GIRL
ARGUING OVER WHETHER OR NOT HE HAD GROPED HER.
MA BAKERY
THEN,
WHILE THEY WERE ARGUING,
THE GIRL SHOT HER RIGHT LEG UP IN THE AIR
AND GAVE THE BUSINESSMAN
A HIGH KICK THAT SENT HIM FLYING!
WHEN HE HIT THE GROUND, HE WAS OUT COLD.
MAN, THAT WAS SOME KICK!
WOW, THAT'S PRETTY CRAZY...
AND,
THAT GIRL WAS ACTUALLY...

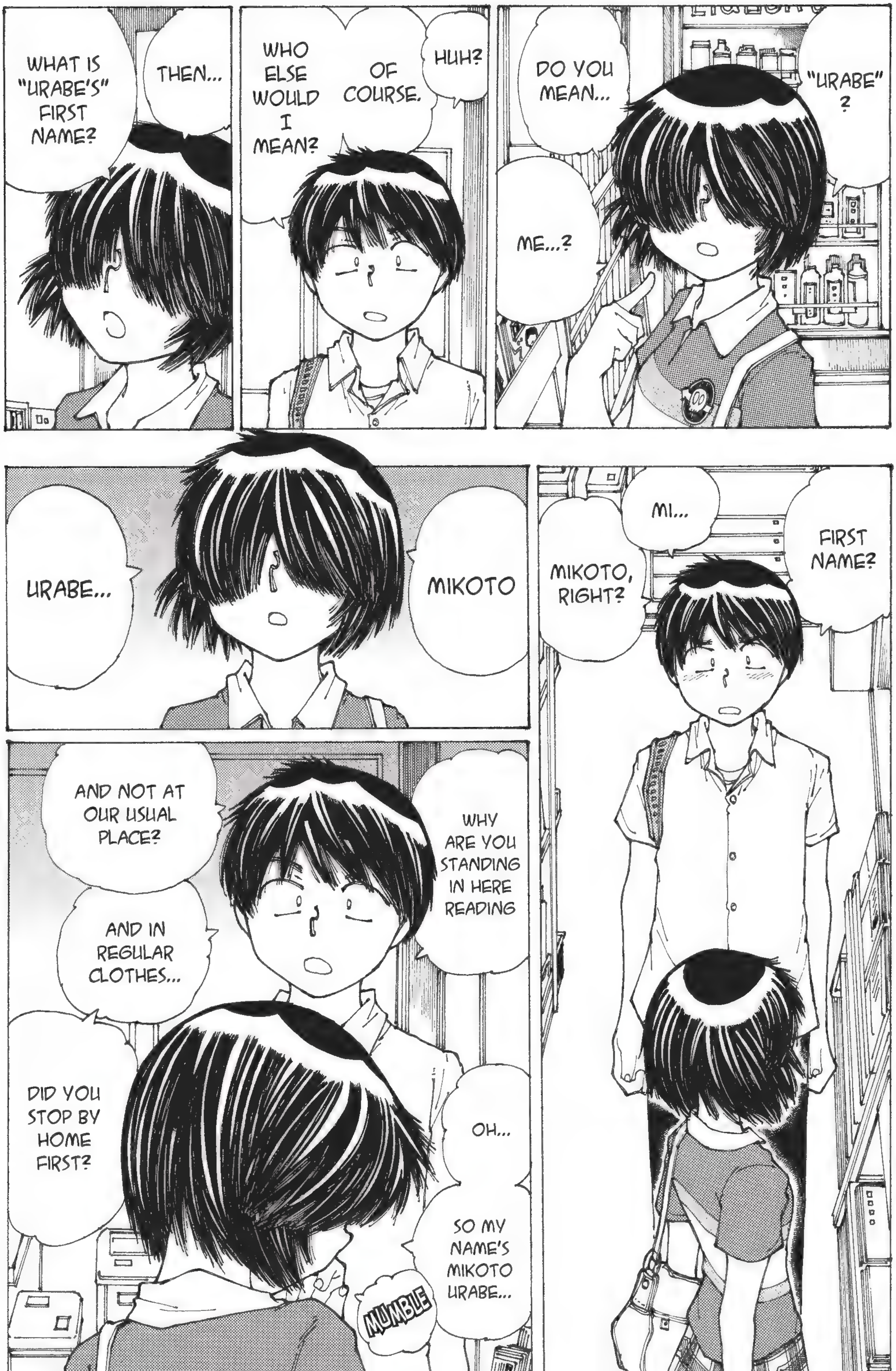

FROM OUR CLASS.
IT WAS URABE!
Y...
YOU'RE KIDDING, RIGHT...?
もぐ MUNCH
もぐ MUNCH
NO, I'M NOT!
I SEE HER IN CLASS EVERY DAY, SO I KNOW HER FACE WHEN I SEE IT.
IT WAS DEFINITELY URABE!
MAN, THAT GIRL...
SHE'S NORMALLY SO QUIET,
SO I HAD NO IDEA SHE WAS SO VIOLENT...
I GOTTA BE CAREFUL NEVER TO MAKE HER MAD.
VIOLENT...

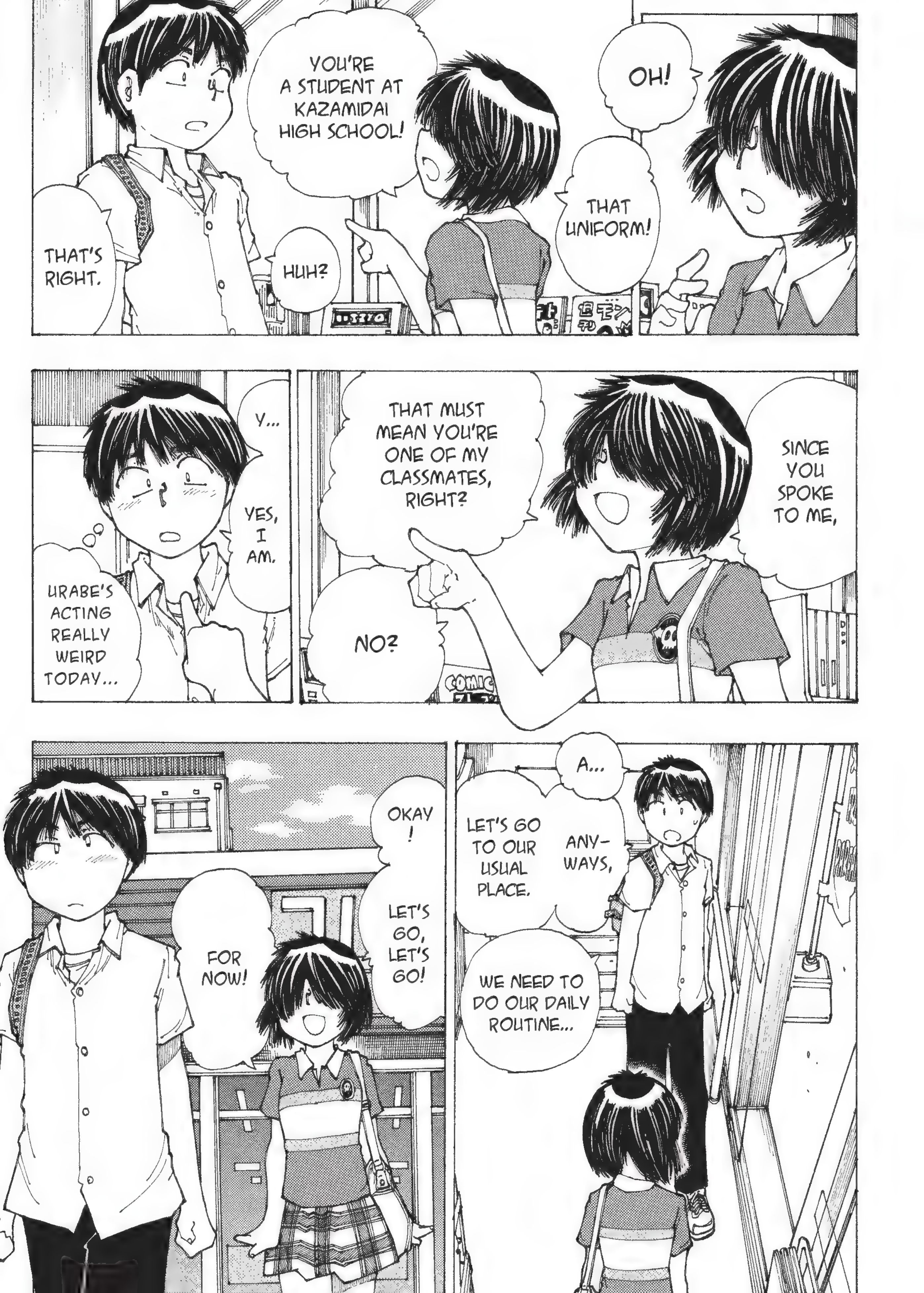

SO,
IF YOU SUBSTITUTE THE VALUE OF Y HERE...
5x²-4xy+y²-8x
5x²-(4y+8)x
D/4=(2y+4)
∴(y-
∴(x-4)²=0
x=4
HMM ...
IF
SOMEONE TOLD ME URABE WAS VIOLENT...
GLANCE
I GUESS, IN A WAY, SHE HAS A VIOLENT SIDE...
WHOA!
SNIP
SNIP
SNIP
SNIP
ジャキ
ジャキ
ジャキ
ジャキ
BUT I'VE NEVER SEEN HER SEND
SOMEONE FLYING WITH A HIGH KICK...
THEN AGAIN, IF SHE WAS GROPED,
I CAN IMAGINE HER DOING SOMETHING LIKE THAT...

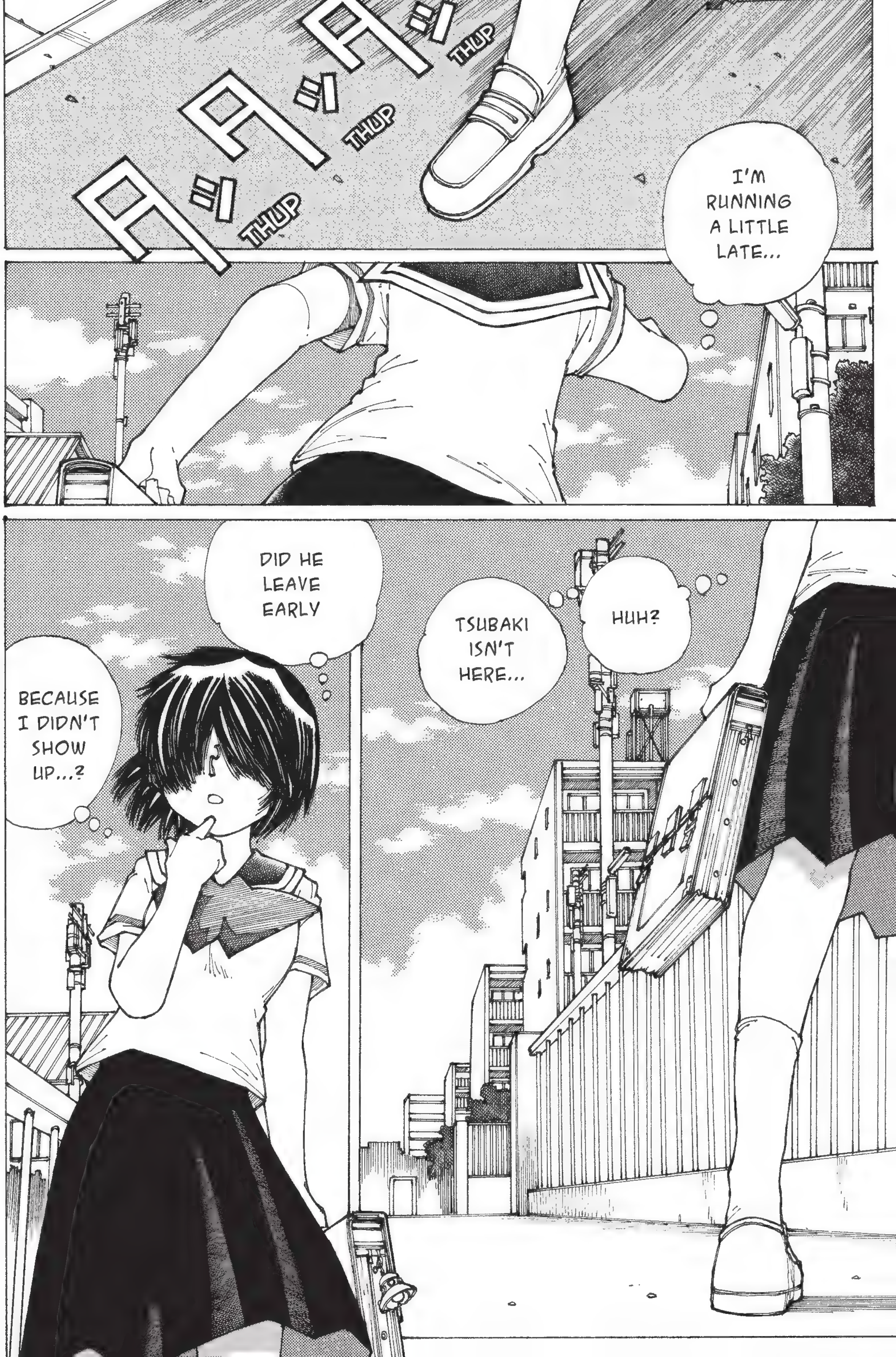

WELL, EITHER WAY,
I CAN'T FORGIVE ANYONE WHO WOULD GROPE URABE.
I'M HER BOYFRIEND,
AND EVEN I HAVEN'T TOUCHED HER THAT MUCH...
STARE...
キンコン
DING DONG
カンコーン
DING DONG
24 MART
NATION-WIDE TOUR TICKETS
SUMMER FRUIT PARFAIT
HM?
HUH?

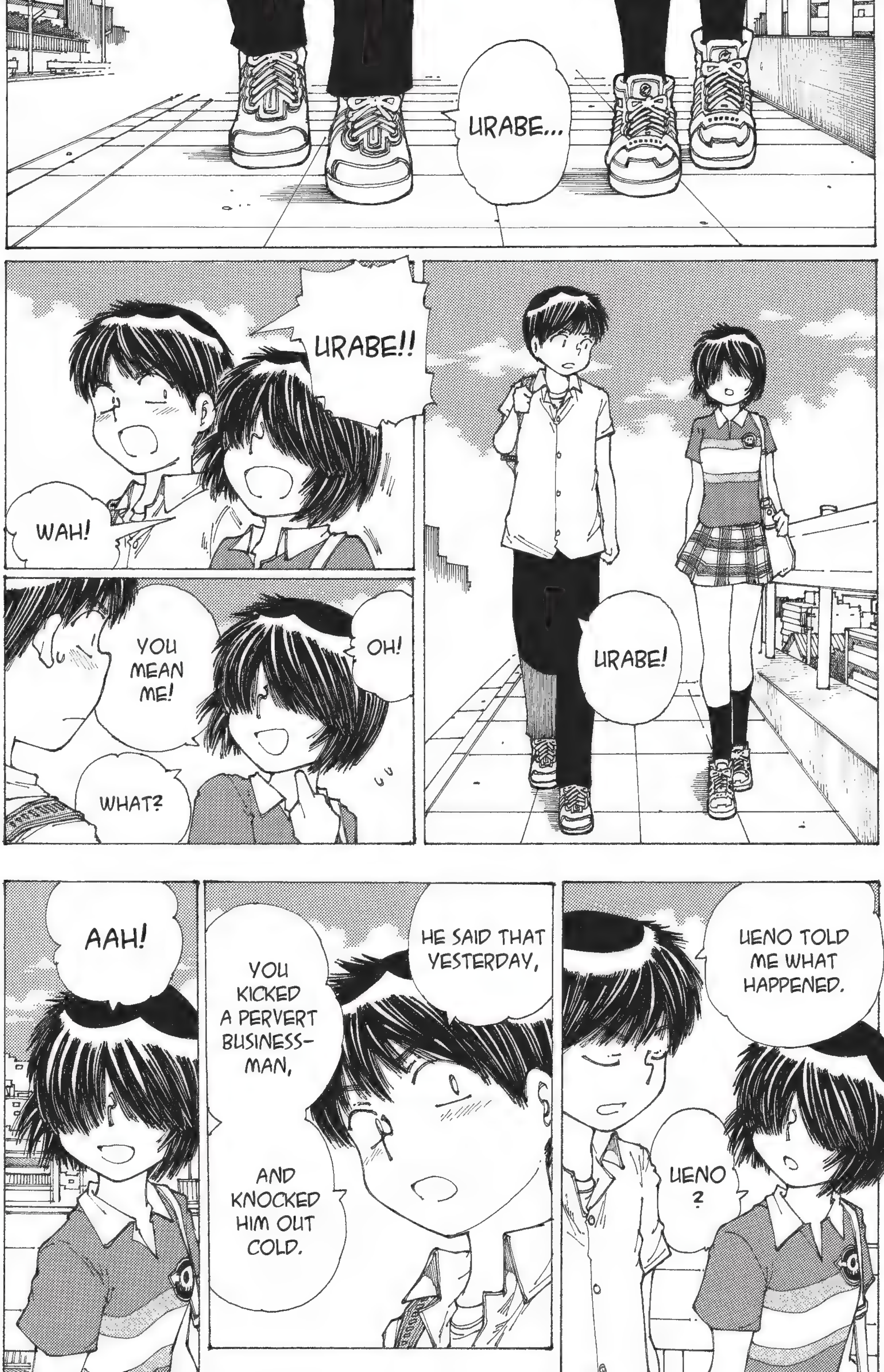

PiPi
AUGUST & SUMMER BIKINI
NEW PCS
ISN'T THAT URABE...?
WHAT IS SHE DOING THERE
INSTEAD OF AT OUR USUAL PLACE?
AND IN REGULAR CLOTHES...
涼
CHILLED CHINESE NOODLES
ウイーン
VREEEN
URABE!
PiPi
NETBOOK
C 100A

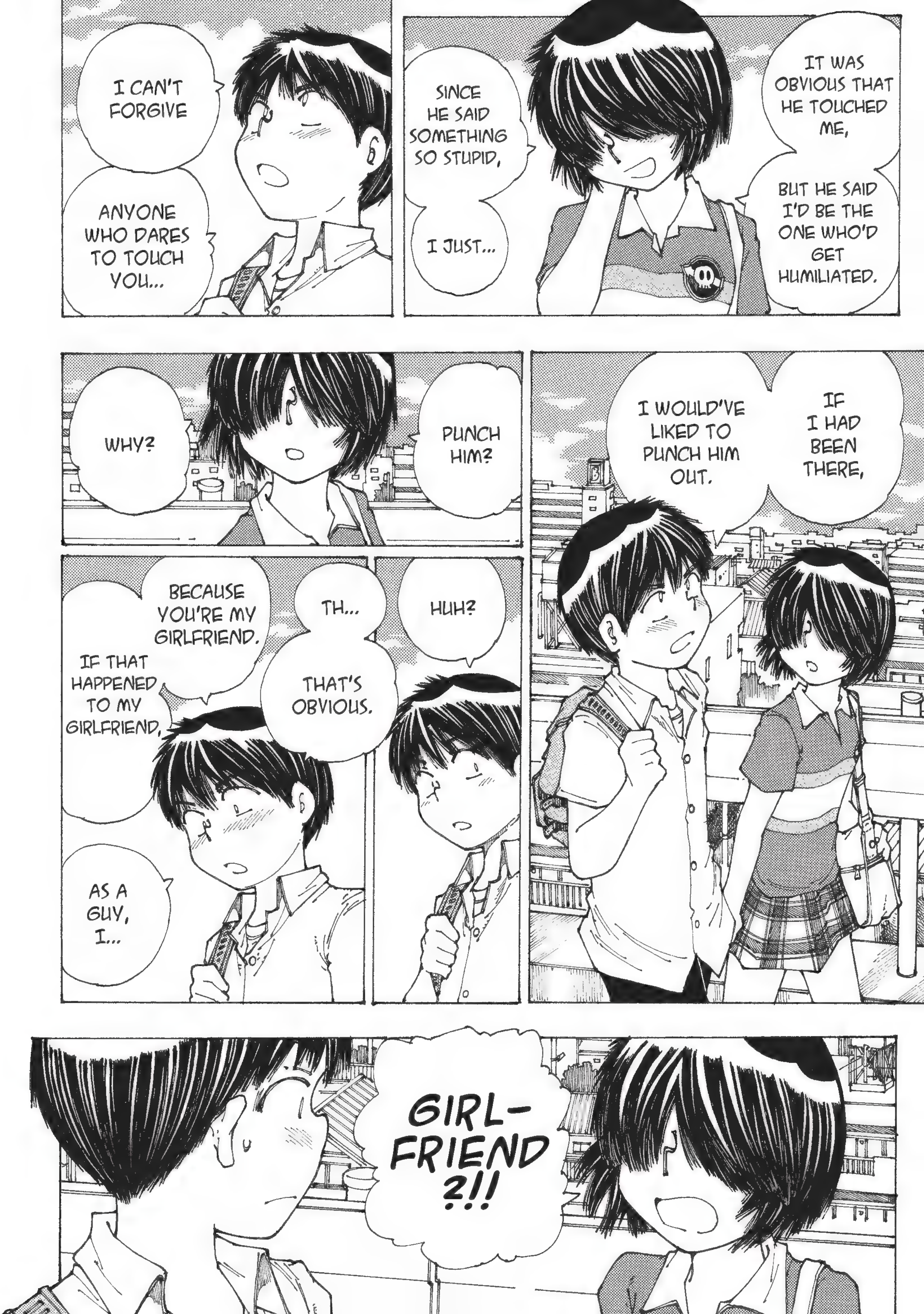

URABE!
MONTHLY AFTERNOON
WEEKLY STAN
COMIC BOOM
BOOK
...
URABE!!
WHOA!
JUMP
PiPi
DRESSES
WHAT ...?!
URABE,
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
NEW STYLE SUPER FAST

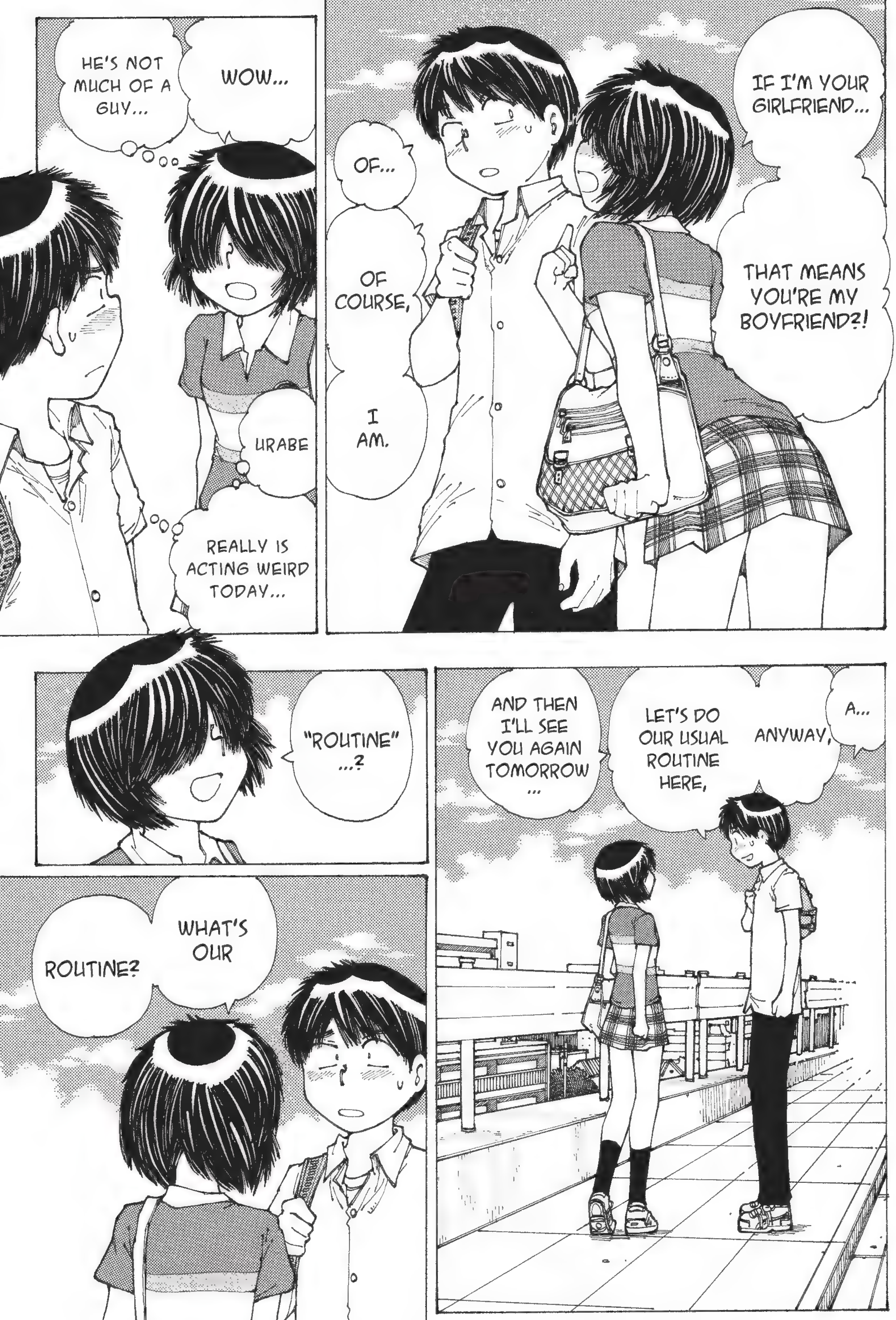

"URABE"?
DO YOU MEAN...
ME...?
HUH?
OF COURSE.
WHO ELSE WOULD I MEAN?
THEN...
WHAT IS "URABE'S" FIRST NAME?
FIRST NAME?
MI...
MIKOTO, RIGHT?
MIKOTO
URABE...
WHY ARE YOU STANDING IN HERE READING
AND NOT AT OUR USUAL PLACE?
AND IN REGULAR CLOTHES...
OH...
SO MY NAME'S MIKOTO URABE...
MUMBLE
DID YOU STOP BY HOME FIRST?

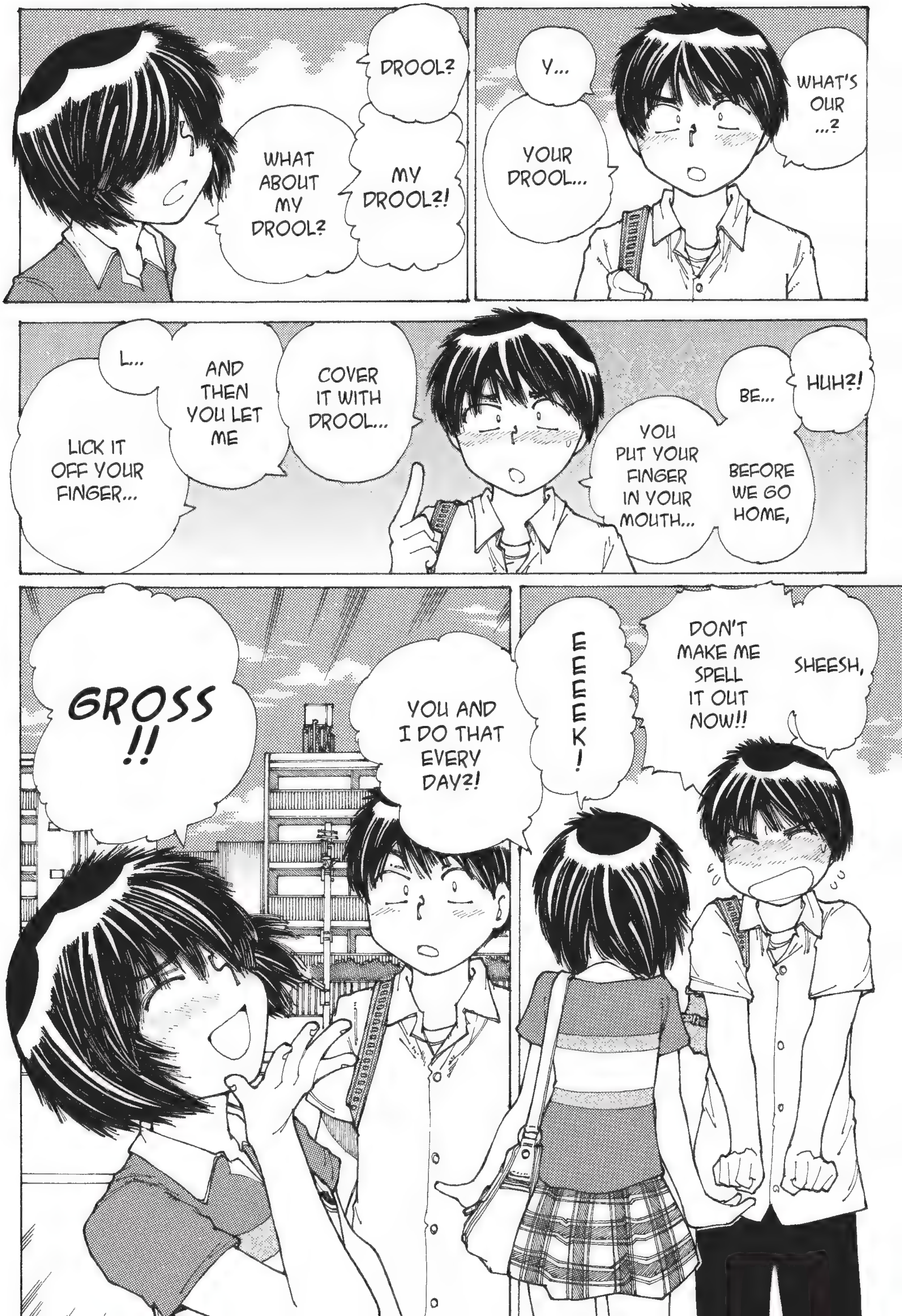

OH!
THAT UNIFORM!
YOU'RE A STUDENT AT KAZAMIDAI HIGH SCHOOL!
HUH?
THAT'S RIGHT.
SINCE YOU SPOKE TO ME,
THAT MUST MEAN YOU'RE ONE OF MY CLASSMATES, RIGHT?
NO?
Y...
YES, I AM.
URABE'S ACTING REALLY WEIRD TODAY...
A...
ANYWAYS,
LET'S GO TO OUR USUAL PLACE.
WE NEED TO DO OUR DAILY ROUTINE...
OKAY!
LET'S GO, LET'S GO!
FOR NOW!

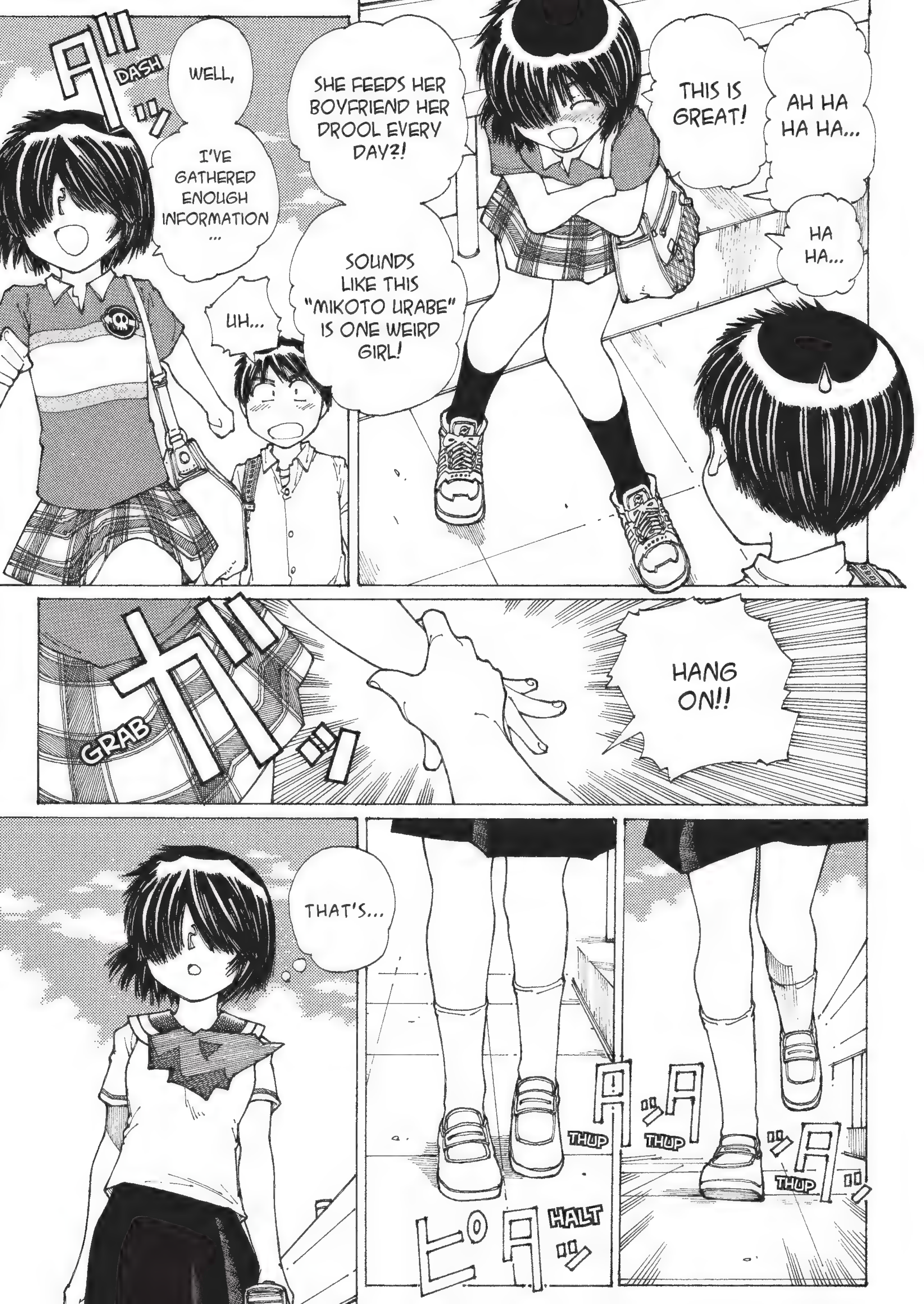

THUP
THUP
THUP
I'M RUNNING A LITTLE LATE...
HUH?
TSUBAKI ISN'T HERE...
DID HE LEAVE EARLY
BECAUSE I DIDN'T SHOW UP...?

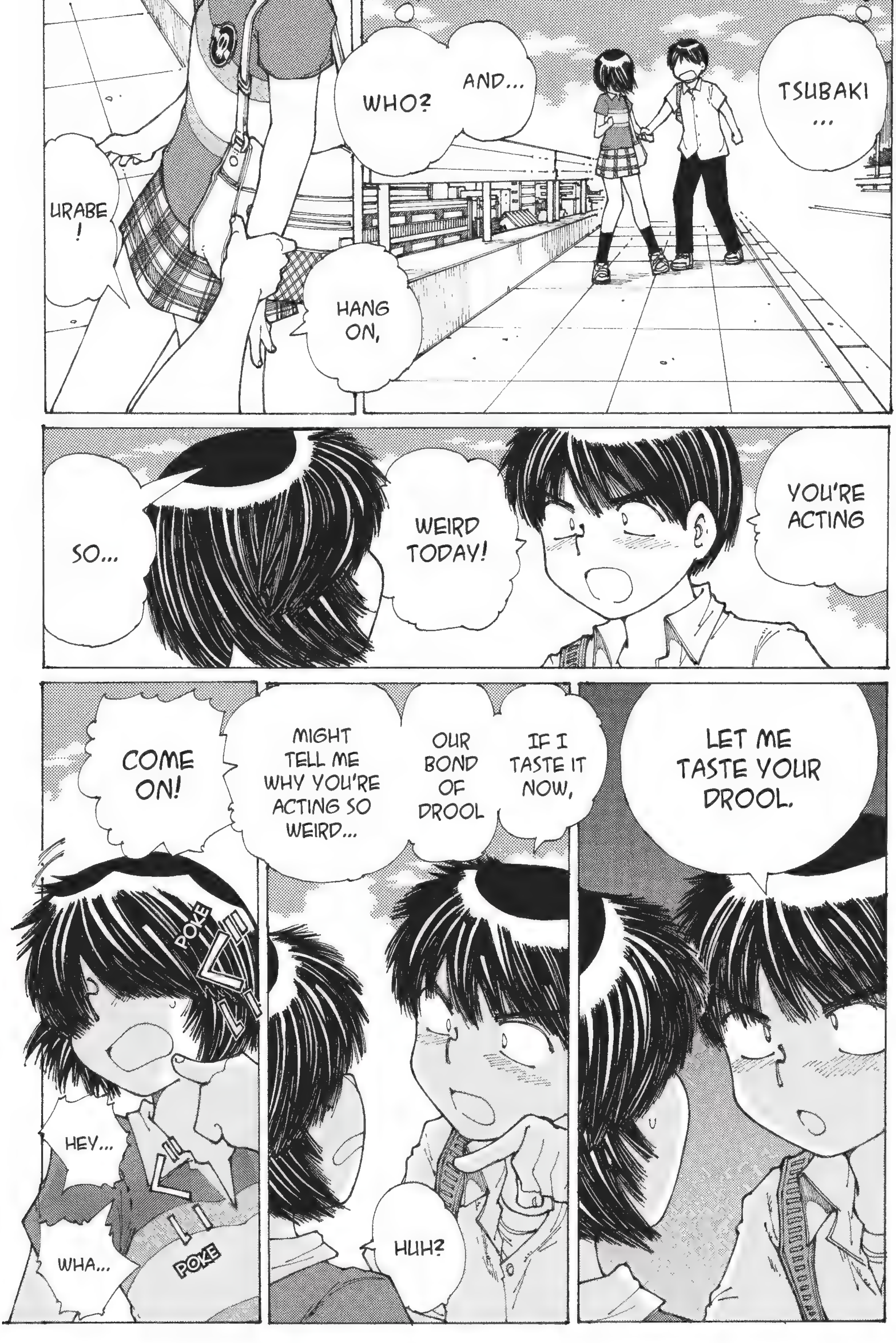

URABE...
URABE!
URABE!!
WAH!
OH!
YOU MEAN ME!
WHAT?
UENO TOLD ME WHAT HAPPENED.
UENO?
HE SAID THAT YESTERDAY,
YOU KICKED A PERVERT BUSINESSMAN,
AND KNOCKED HIM OUT COLD.
AAH!

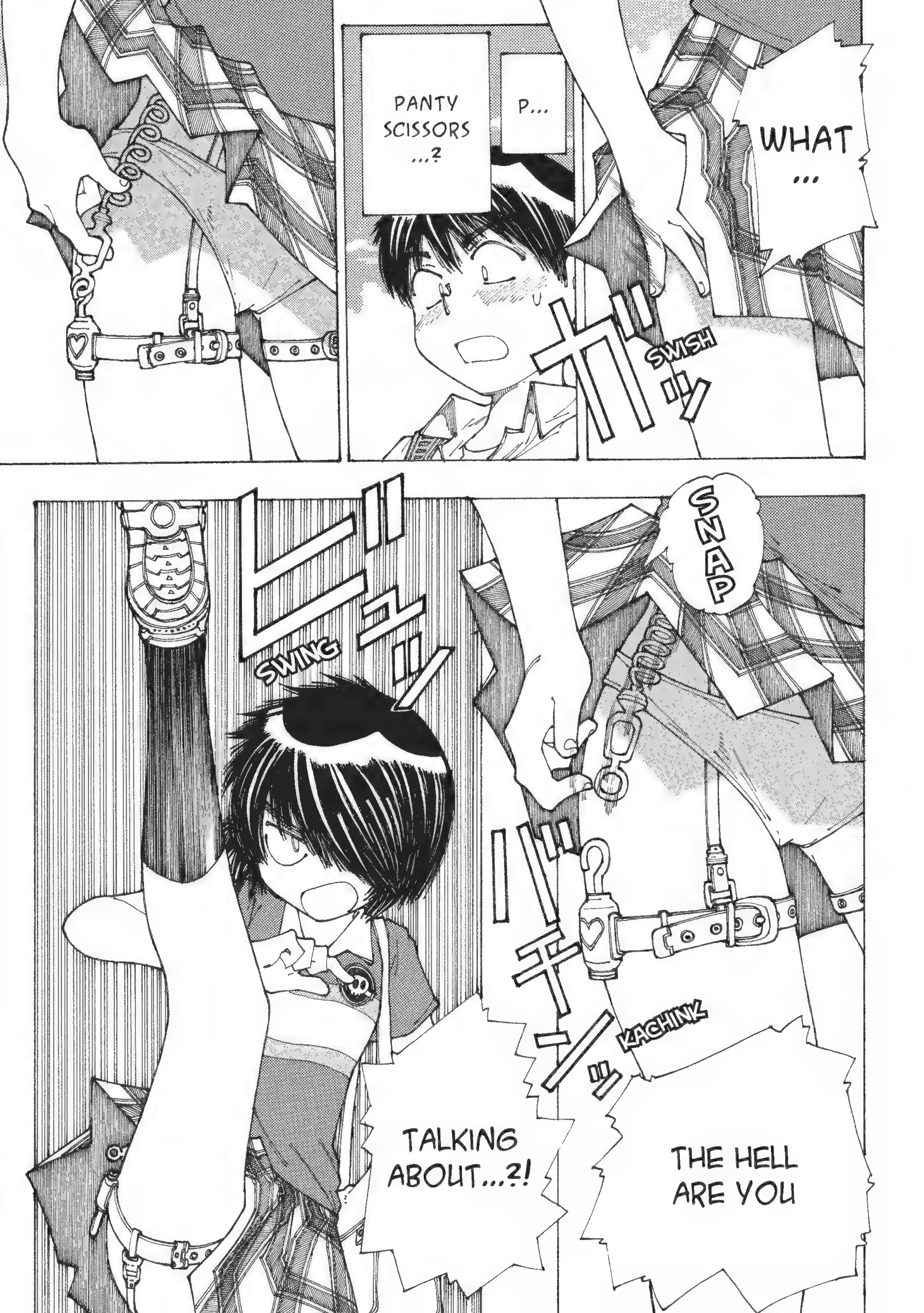

IT WAS OBVIOUS THAT HE TOUCHED ME,
BUT HE SAID I'D BE THE ONE WHO'D GET HUMILIATED.
SINCE HE SAID SOMETHING SO STUPID,
I JUST...
I CAN'T FORGIVE
ANYONE WHO DARES TO TOUCH YOU...
IF I HAD BEEN THERE,
I WOULD'VE LIKED TO PUNCH HIM OUT.
PUNCH HIM?
WHY?
HUH?
TH...
THAT'S OBVIOUS.
BECAUSE YOU'RE MY GIRLFRIEND.
IF THAT HAPPENED TO MY GIRLFRIEND,
AS A GUY, I...
GIRL-FRIEND?!!


IF I'M YOUR GIRLFRIEND...
THAT MEANS YOU'RE MY BOYFRIEND?!
OF...
OF COURSE,
I AM.
WOW...
HE'S NOT MUCH OF A GUY...
URABE
REALLY IS ACTING WEIRD TODAY...
A...
ANYWAY,
LET'S DO OUR USUAL ROUTINE HERE,
AND THEN I'LL SEE YOU AGAIN TOMORROW ...
"ROUTINE" ...?
WHAT'S OUR ROUTINE?


WHAT'S OUR ...?
Y...
YOUR DROOL...
DROOL?
MY DROOL?!
WHAT ABOUT MY DROOL?
HUH?!
BE...
BEFORE WE GO HOME,
YOU PUT YOUR FINGER IN YOUR MOUTH...
COVER IT WITH DROOL...
AND THEN YOU LET ME
L...
LICK IT OFF YOUR FINGER...
SHEESH,
DON'T MAKE ME SPELL IT OUT NOW!!
EEEEEK!
YOU AND I DO THAT EVERY DAY?!
GROSS!!

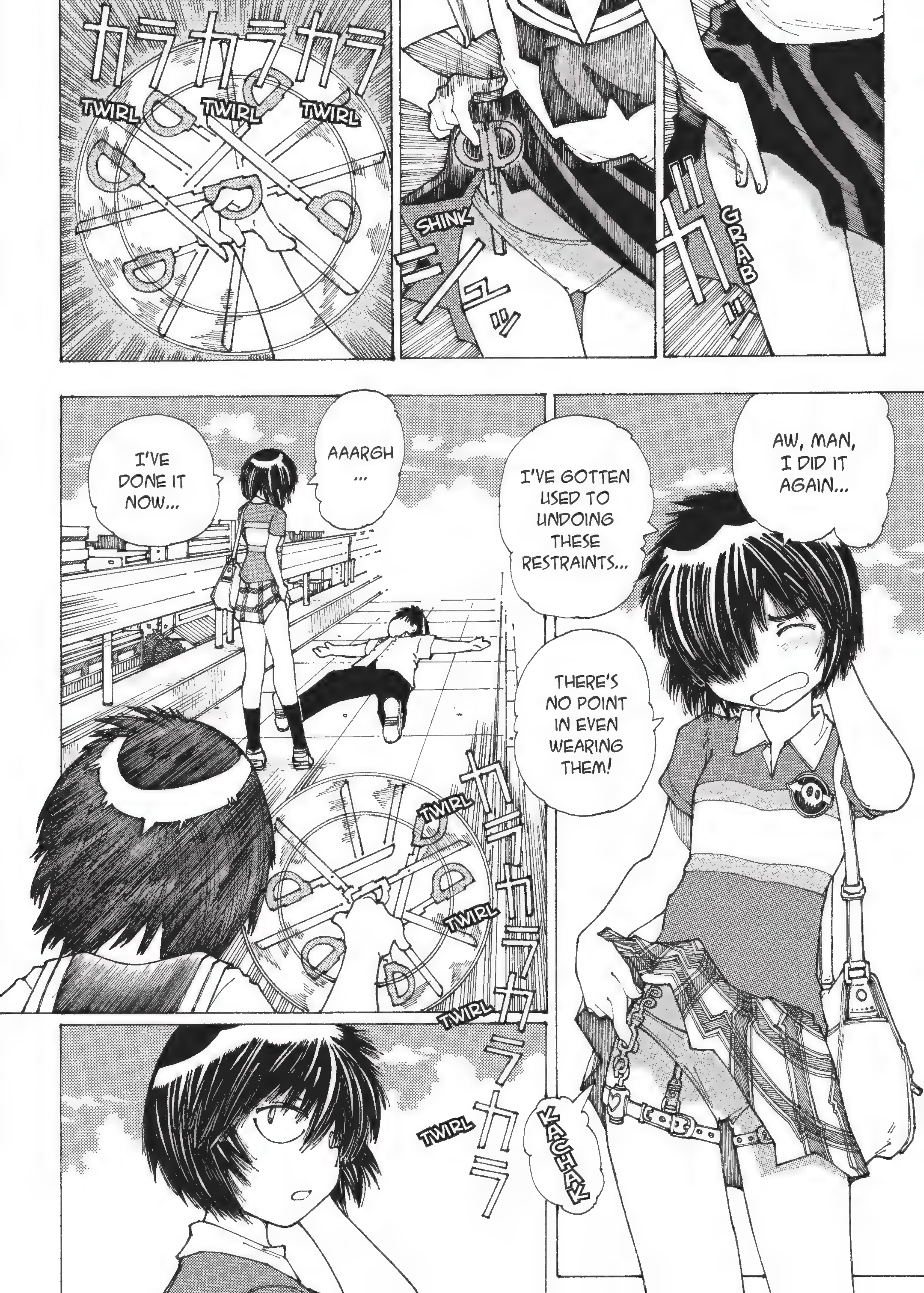

AH HA HA HA...
HA HA...
THIS IS GREAT!
SHE FEEDS HER BOYFRIEND HER DROOL EVERY DAY?!
SOUNDS LIKE THIS "MIKOTO URABE" IS ONE WEIRD GIRL!
ダッ
DASH
WELL,
I'VE GATHERED ENOUGH INFORMATION ...
UH...
HANG ON!!
ガッ
GRAB
タッ
THUP
タッ
THUP
タッ
THUP
ピタッ
HALT
THAT'S...


TSUBAKI...
AND...
WHO?
HANG ON,
URABE!
YOU'RE ACTING
WEIRD TODAY!
SO...
LET ME TASTE YOUR DROOL.
IF I TASTE IT NOW,
OUR BOND OF DROOL
MIGHT TELL ME WHY YOU'RE ACTING SO WEIRD...
HUH?
COME ON!
POKE
HEY...
WHA...
POKE

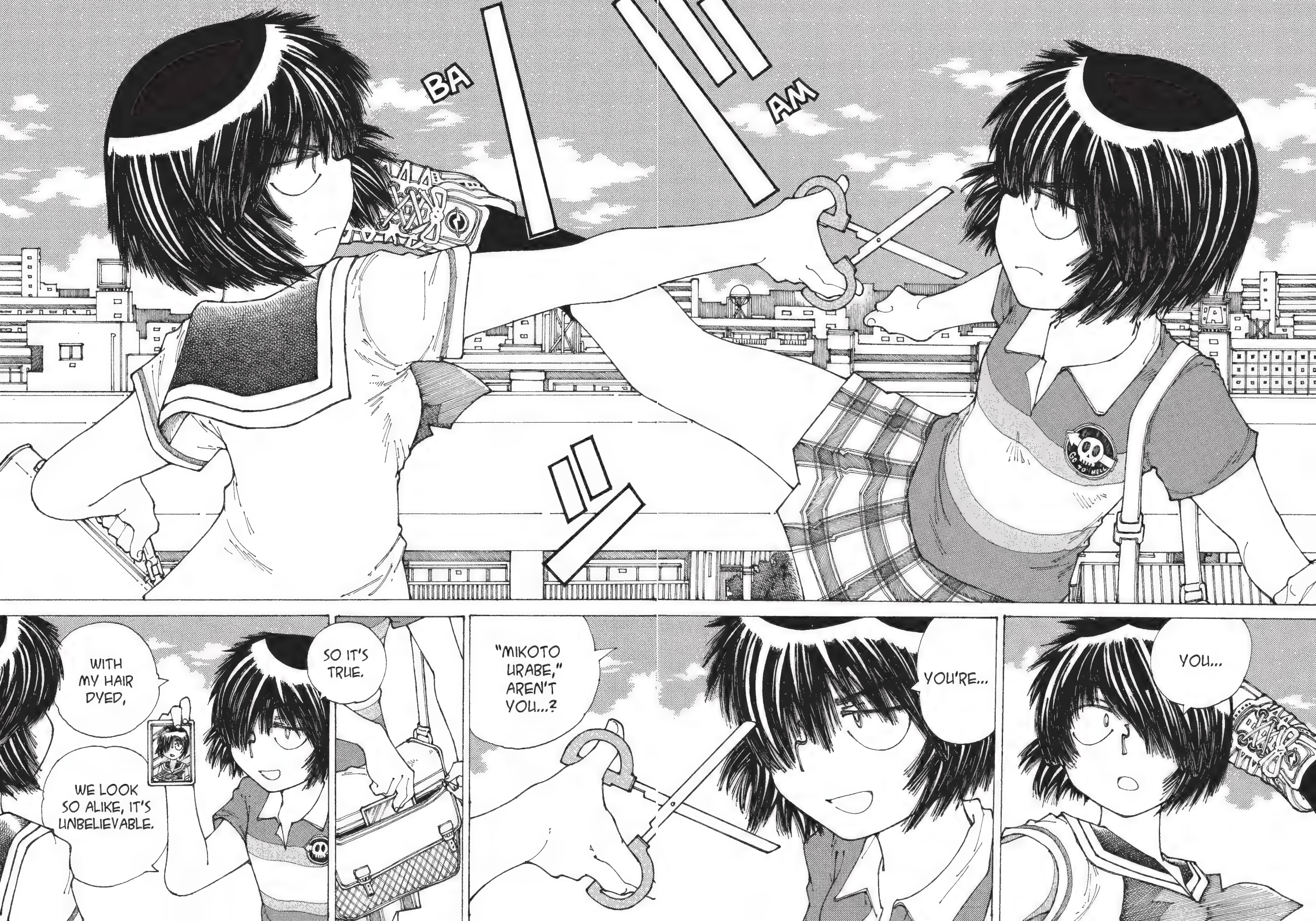

WHAT ...
SWISH
P...
PANTY SCISSORS ...?
SNAP
KACHINK
THE HELL ARE YOU
SWING
TALKING ABOUT...?!

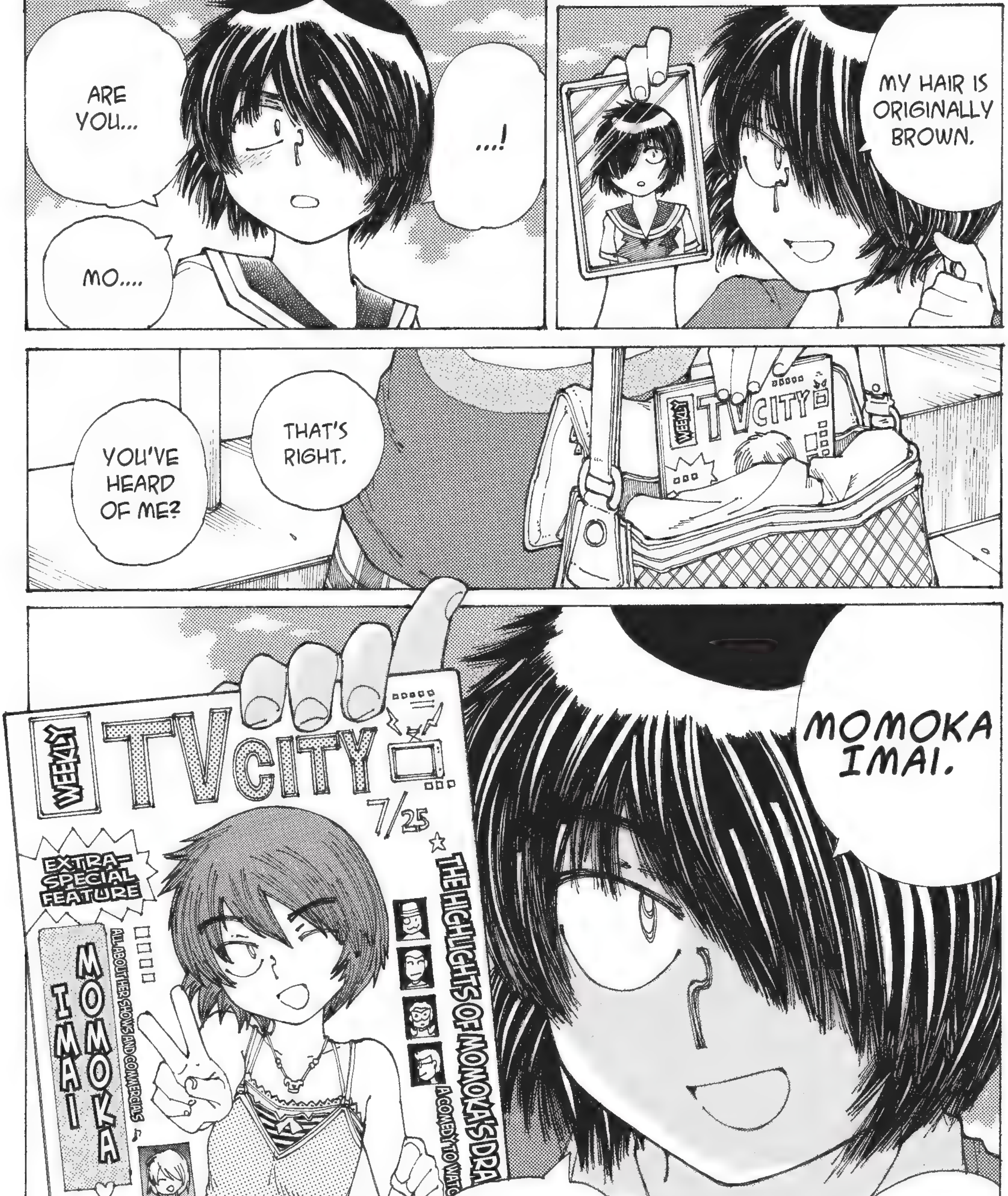
ヒュッ
ZWOOMM
バシッ
BASH
HUH?!

WHUD
KA
DASH


ギュッ
GRAB
シュッ
SHINK
カラカラカラ
TWIRL
TWIRL
TWIRL
AW, MAN, I DID IT AGAIN...
I'VE GOTTEN USED TO UNDOING THESE RESTRAINTS...
THERE'S NO POINT IN EVEN WEARING THEM!
KACHAK
AAARGH...
I'VE DONE IT NOW...
カラカラカラ
TWIRL
TWIRL
TWIRL
TWIRL

ZWOO
OO
ZWIP
KACHAK
WHOOSH
SWOO


BA
AM
GO TO HELL
YOU...
YOU'RE...
"MIKOTO URABE," AREN'T YOU...?
SO IT'S TRUE.
WITH MY HAIR DYED,
WE LOOK SO ALIKE, IT'S UNBELIEVABLE.


MY HAIR IS ORIGINALLY BROWN.
...!
ARE YOU...
MO....
THAT'S RIGHT.
YOU'VE HEARD OF ME?
WEEKLY TV CITY
MOMOKA IMAI.
WEEKLY TV CITY 7/25
THE HIGHLIGHTS OF MOMOKA'S DRA
A COMEDY TO WATC
EXTRA-SPECIAL FEATURE
MOMOKA IMAI
ALL ABOUT HER SHOWS AND COMMERCIALS
MOMOKA'S "HYAKKI" PIN-UP PG. 20
CM
I'M WHAT THEY CALL
AN IDOL! ♥

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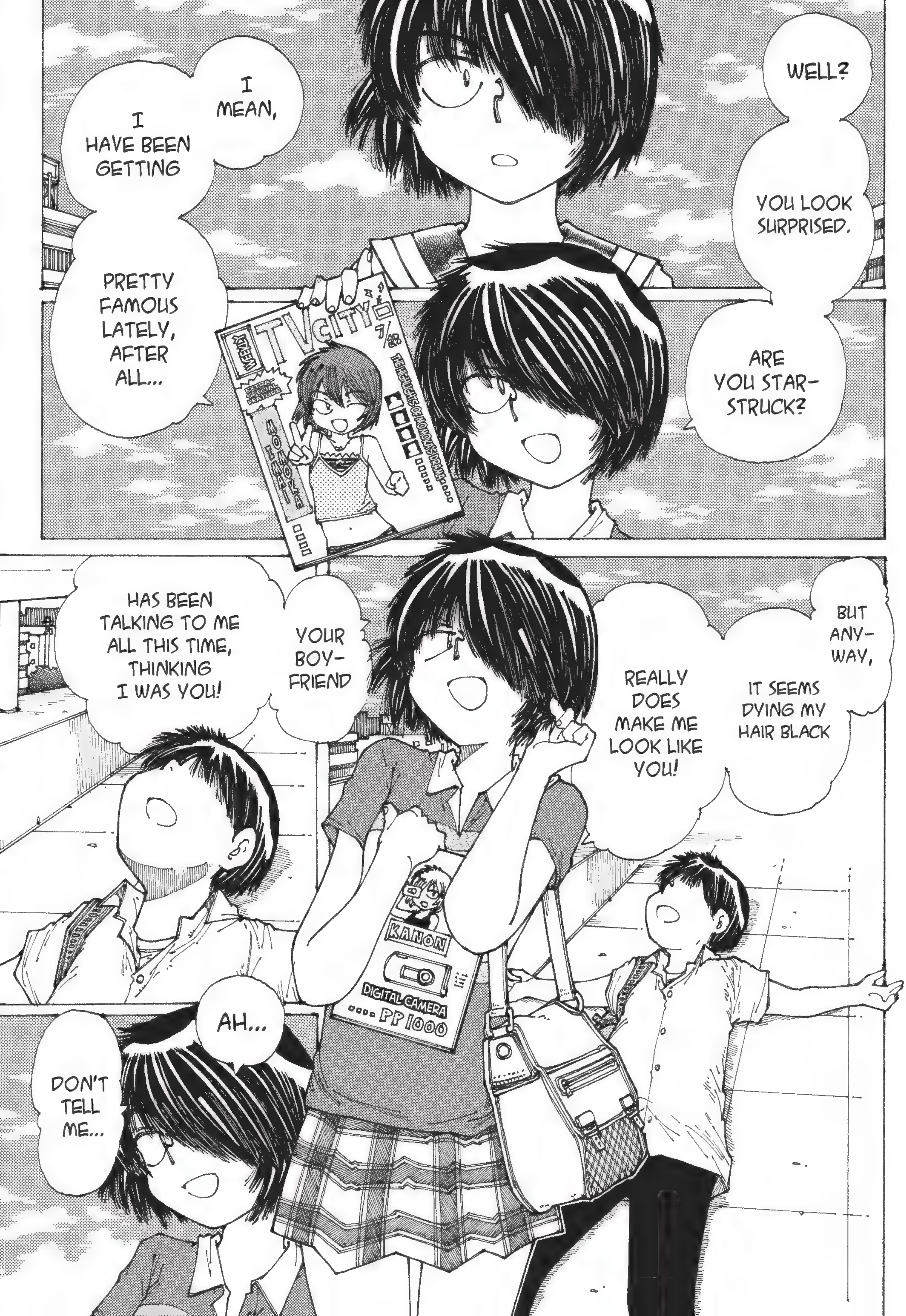
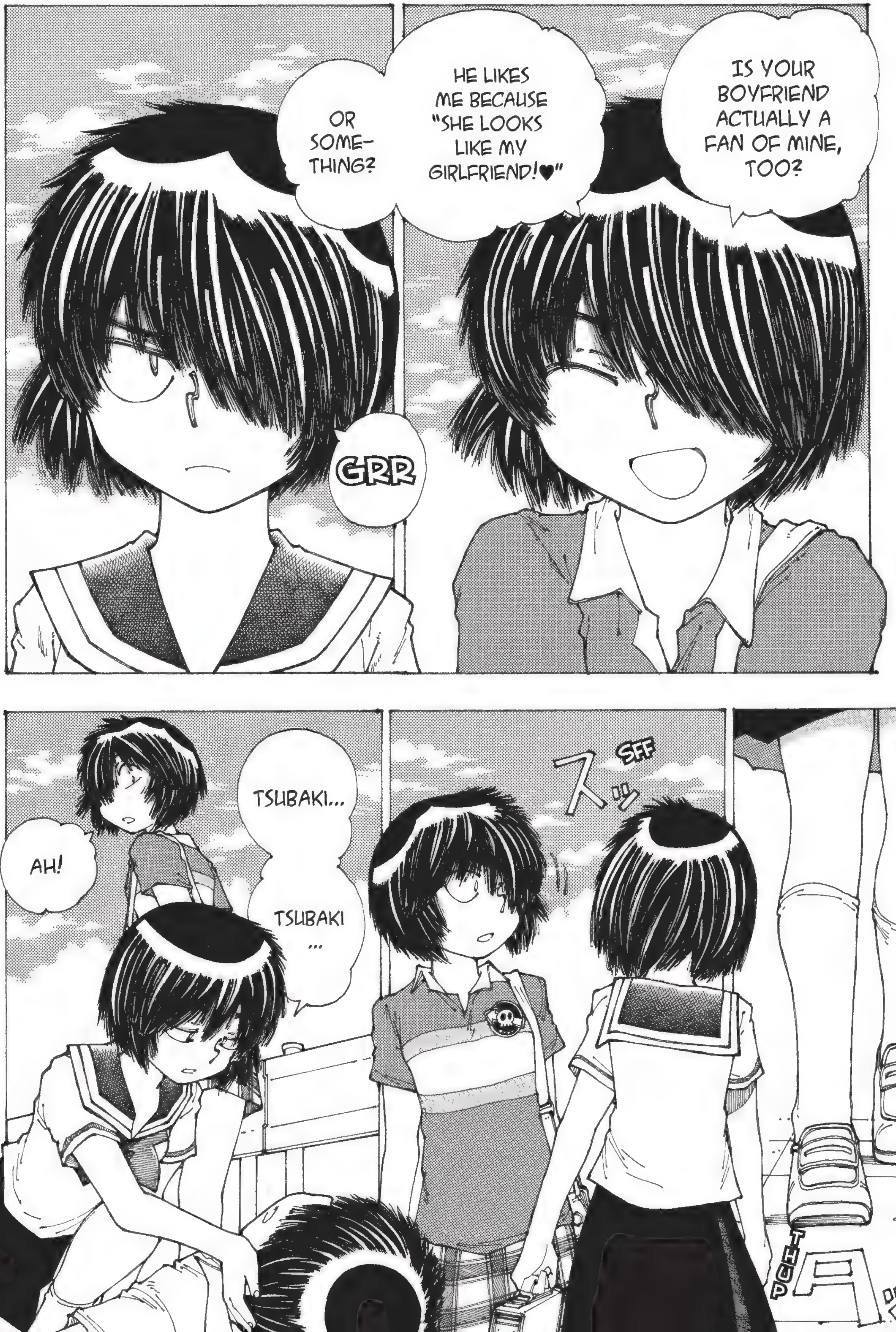
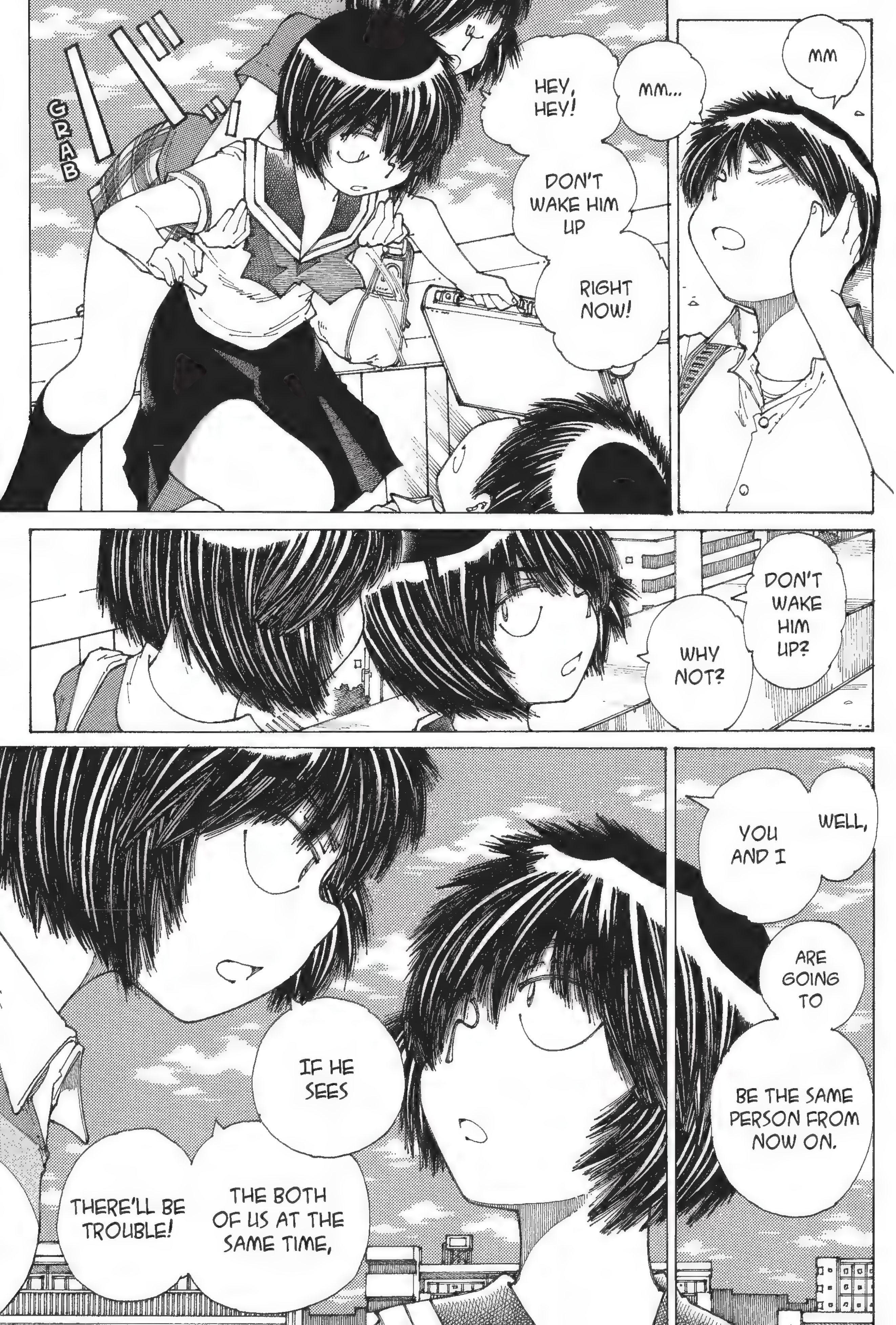
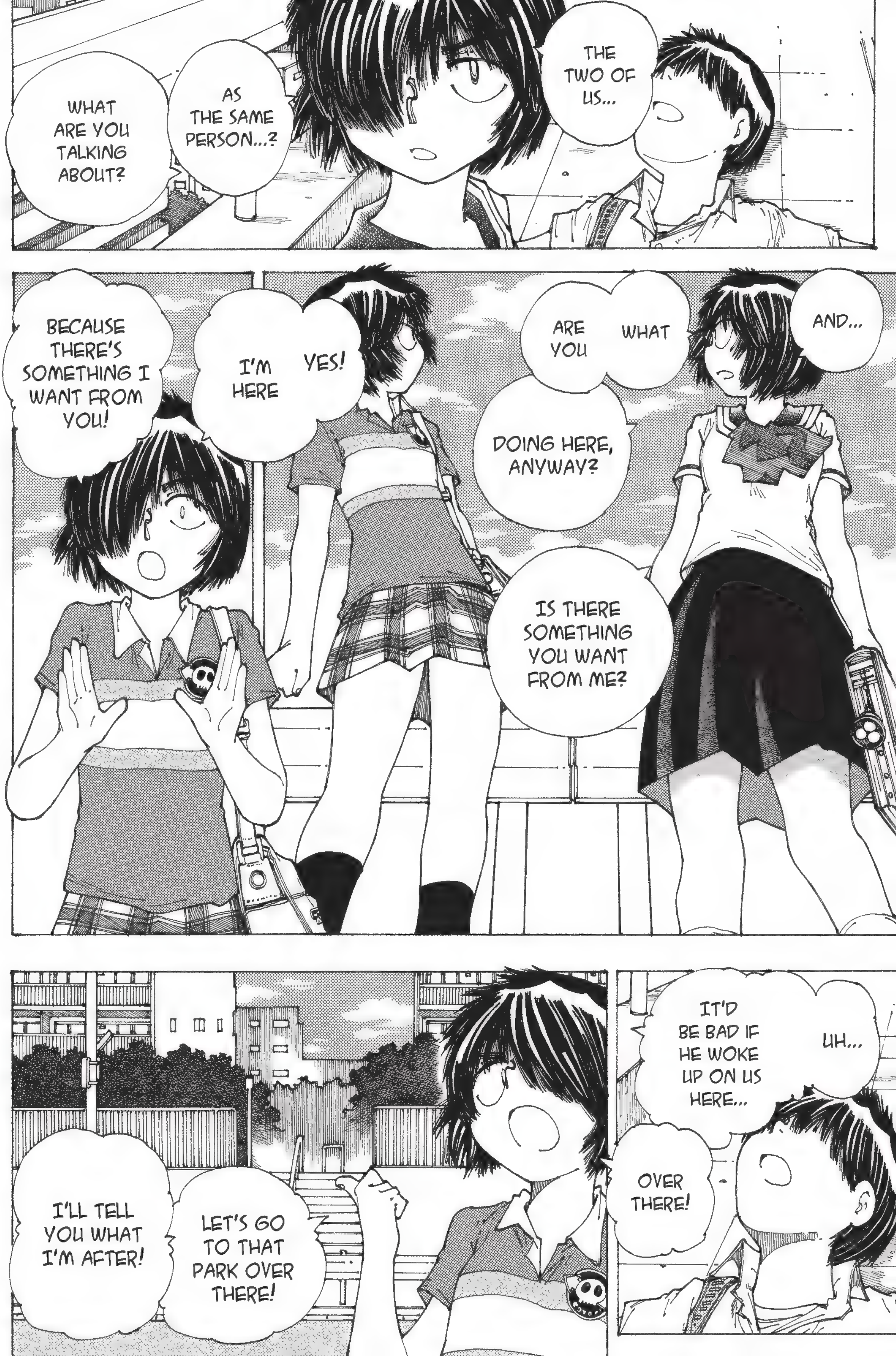
CHAPTER 38: MYSTERIOUS PLAN

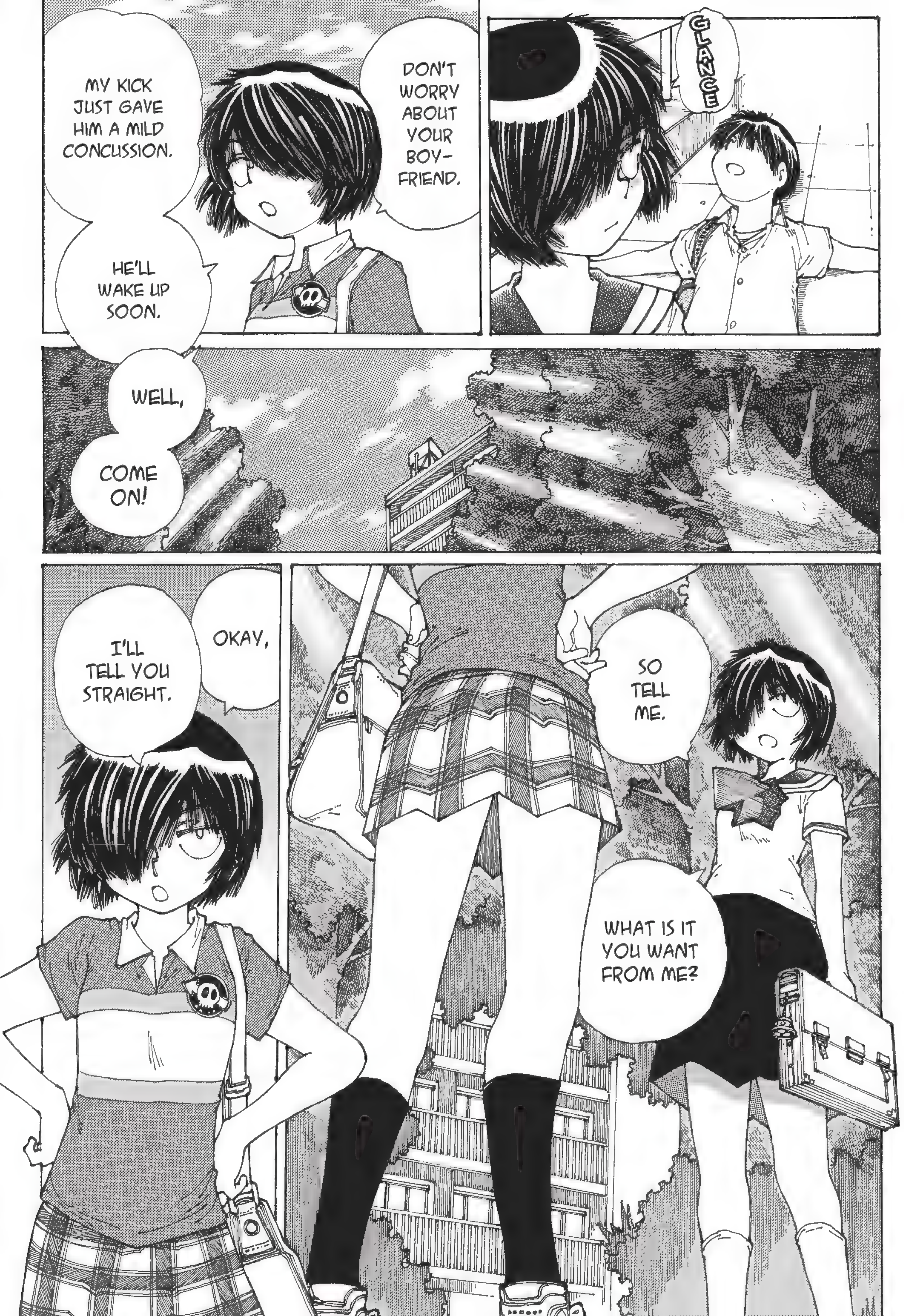
MOMOKA IMAI.
I'M WHAT THEY CALL AN IDOL! ♥
WEEKLY TV CITY
7/25
EXTRA-SPECIAL FEATURE
MOMOKA IMAI
THE HIGHLIGHTS OF MOMOKA'S DRAMA

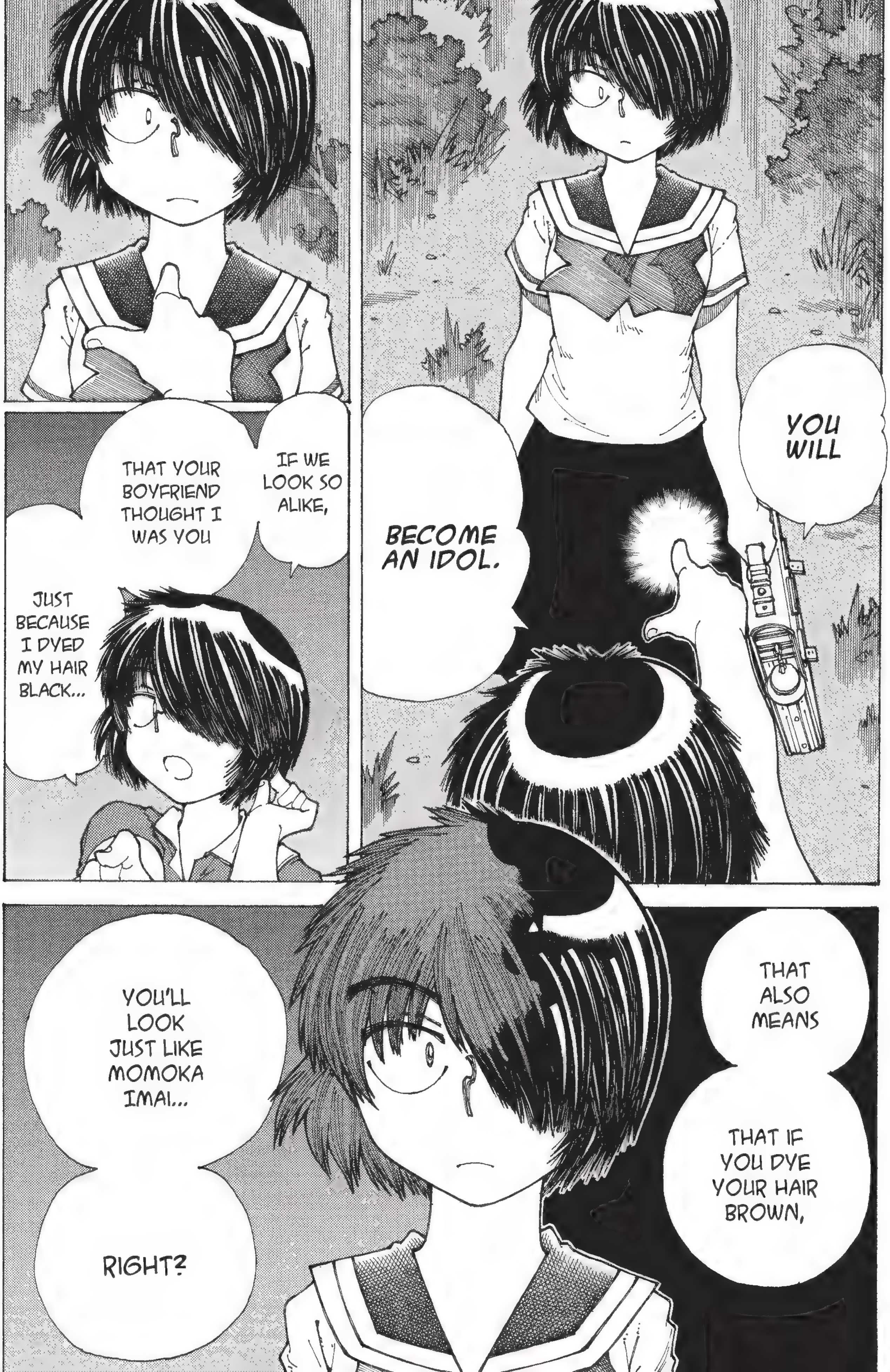

WELL? YOU LOOK SURPRISED. ARE YOU STAR-STRUCK?
I MEAN, I HAVE BEEN GETTING PRETTY FAMOUS LATELY, AFTER ALL...
WEEKLY TV CITY 7/28
EXTRA-SPECIAL FEATURE
MOMOKA IMAI
BUT ANYWAY, IT SEEMS DYING MY HAIR BLACK REALLY DOES MAKE ME LOOK LIKE YOU!
YOUR BOYFRIEND HAS BEEN TALKING TO ME ALL THIS TIME, THINKING I WAS YOU!
KANON
DIGITAL CAMERA PP1000
AH...
DON'T TELL ME...

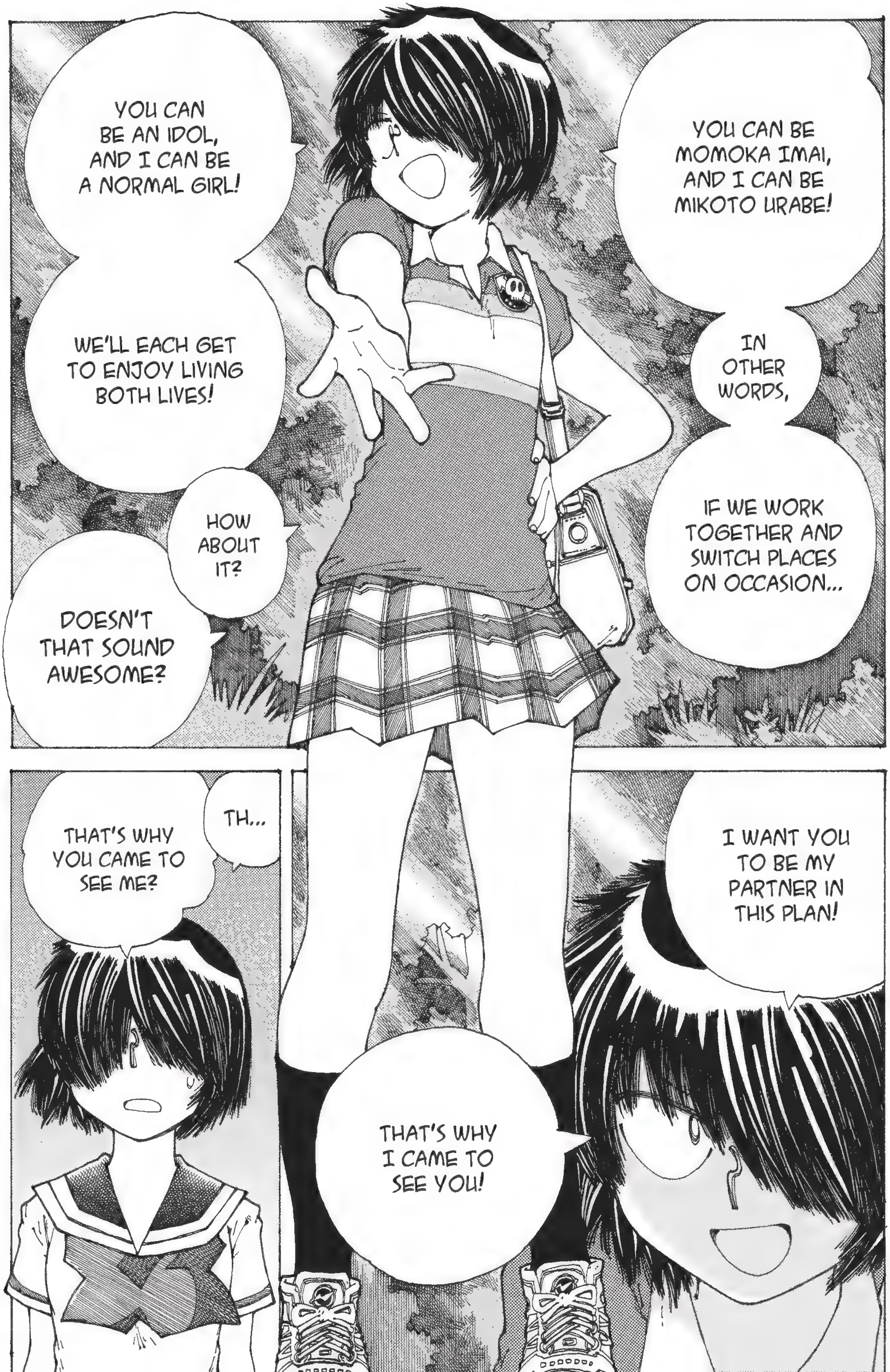

IS YOUR BOYFRIEND ACTUALLY A FAN OF MINE, TOO?
HE LIKES ME BECAUSE "SHE LOOKS LIKE MY GIRLFRIEND!♥"
OR SOME-THING?
GRR
THUD
スッ
SFF
TSUBAKI...
TSUBAKI ...
AH!

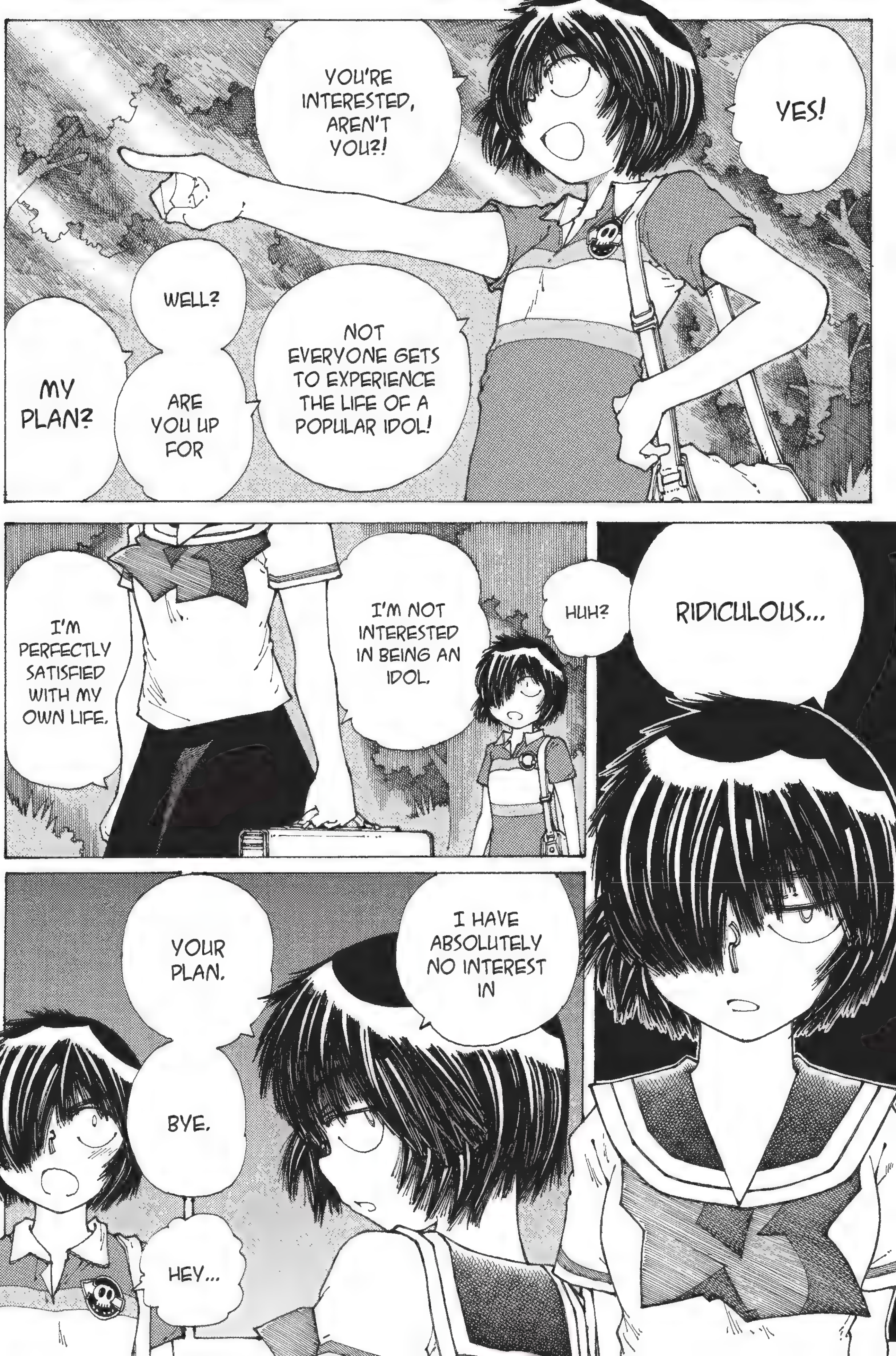

MM
MM...
HEY, HEY!
DON'T WAKE HIM UP
RIGHT NOW!
GRAB
DON'T WAKE HIM UP?
WHY NOT?
WELL,
YOU AND I
ARE GOING TO
BE THE SAME PERSON FROM NOW ON.
IF HE SEES
THE BOTH OF US AT THE SAME TIME,
THERE'LL BE TROUBLE!

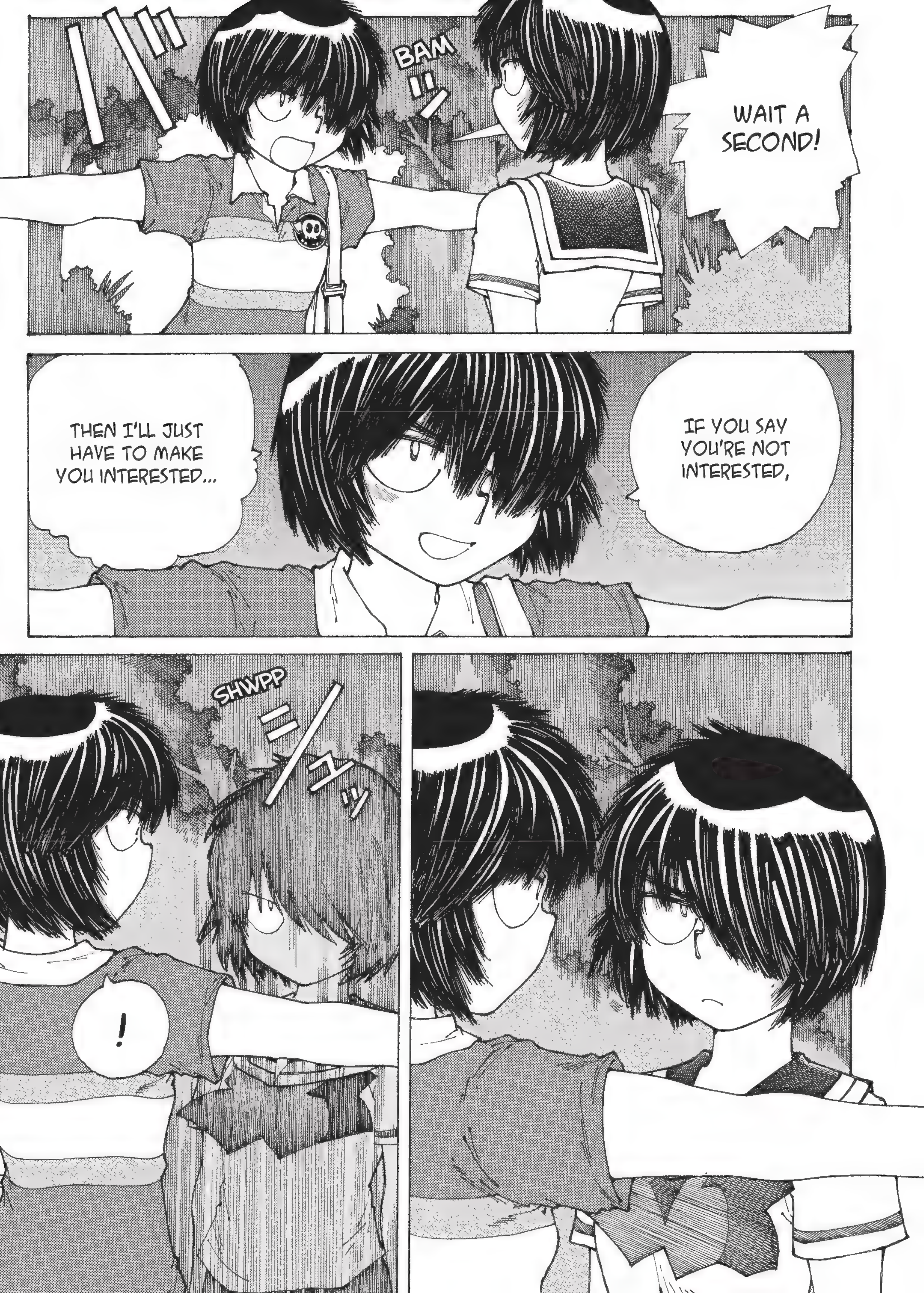

THE TWO OF US...
AS THE SAME PERSON...?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
AND...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE, ANYWAY?
IS THERE SOMETHING YOU WANT FROM ME?
YES! I'M HERE
BECAUSE THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT FROM YOU!
UH...
IT'D BE BAD IF HE WOKE UP ON US HERE...
OVER THERE!
LET'S GO TO THAT PARK OVER THERE!
I'LL TELL YOU WHAT I'M AFTER!

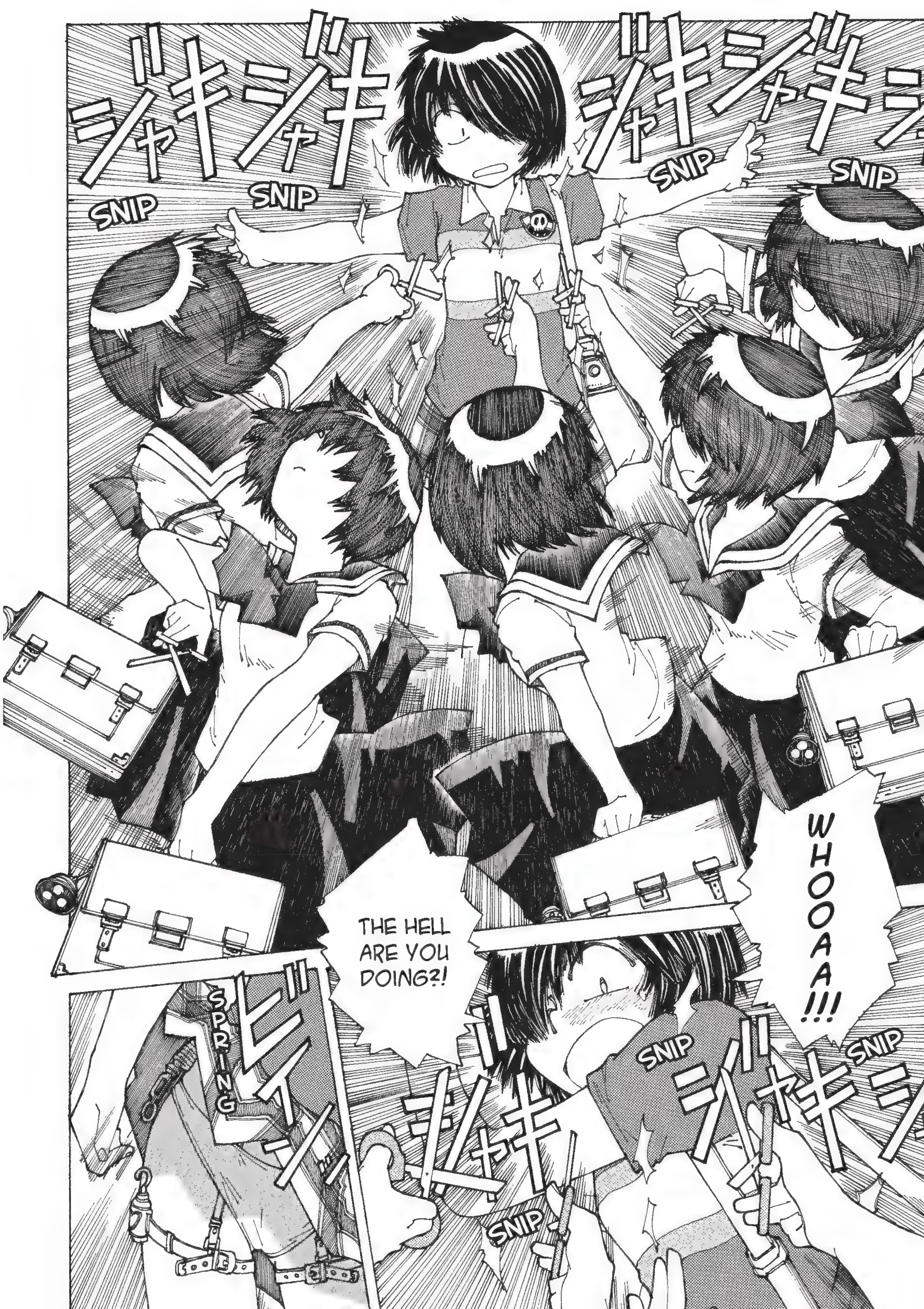

GLANCE
DON'T WORRY ABOUT YOUR BOYFRIEND.
MY KICK JUST GAVE HIM A MILD CONCUSSION.
HE'LL WAKE UP SOON.
WELL,
COME ON!
SO TELL ME.
WHAT IS IT YOU WANT FROM ME?
OKAY,
I'LL TELL YOU STRAIGHT.


YOU WILL
BECOME AN IDOL.
IF WE LOOK SO ALIKE,
THAT YOUR BOYFRIEND THOUGHT I WAS YOU
JUST BECAUSE I DYED MY HAIR BLACK...
THAT ALSO MEANS
THAT IF YOU DYE YOUR HAIR BROWN,
YOU'LL LOOK JUST LIKE MOMOKA IMAI...
RIGHT?

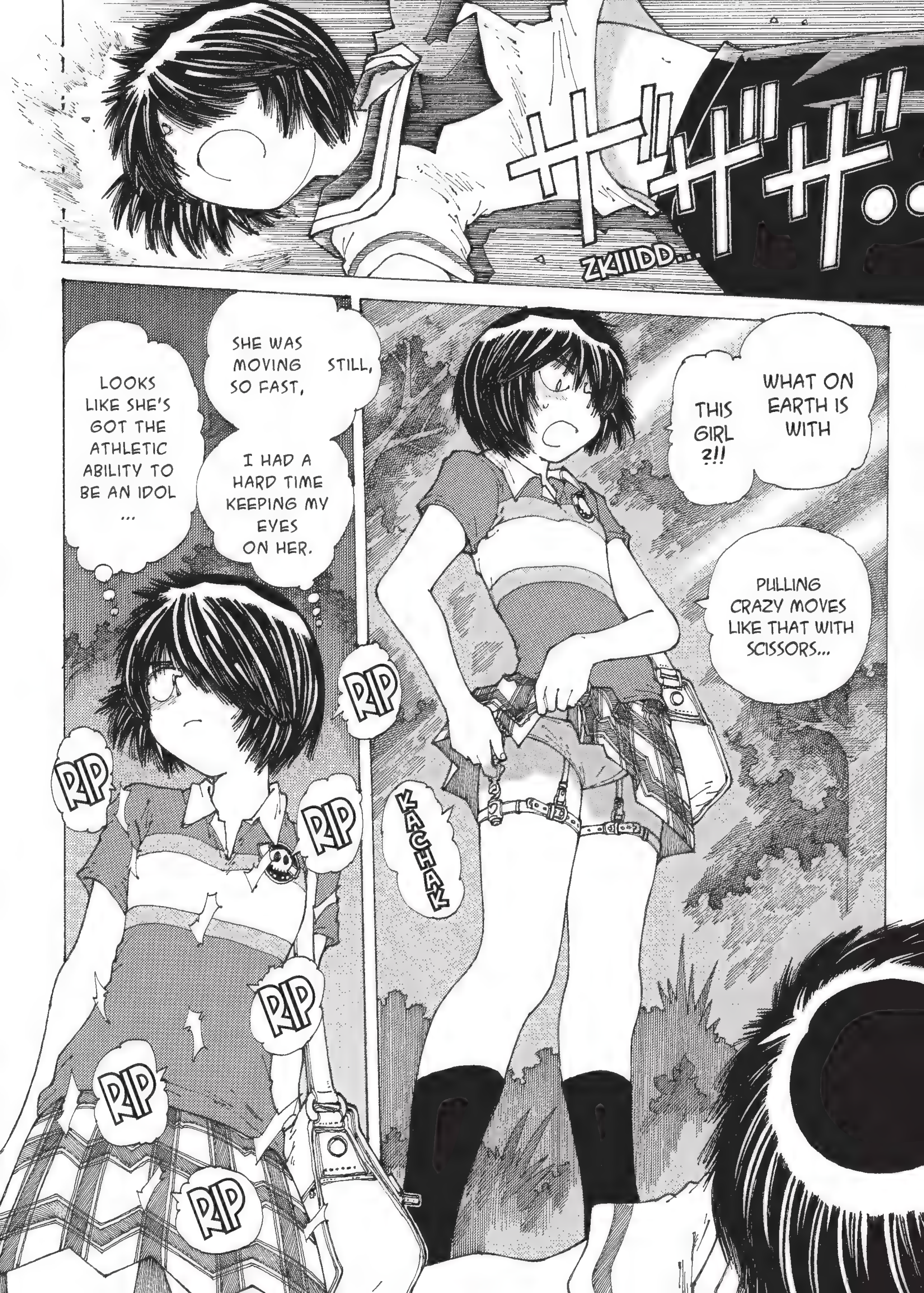

YOU CAN BE MOMOKA IMAI, AND I CAN BE MIKOTO URABE!
IN OTHER WORDS,
IF WE WORK TOGETHER AND SWITCH PLACES ON OCCASION...
YOU CAN BE AN IDOL, AND I CAN BE A NORMAL GIRL!
WE'LL EACH GET TO ENJOY LIVING BOTH LIVES!
HOW ABOUT IT?
DOESN'T THAT SOUND AWESOME?
I WANT YOU TO BE MY PARTNER IN THIS PLAN!
THAT'S WHY I CAME TO SEE YOU!
TH...
THAT'S WHY YOU CAME TO SEE ME?


YES!
YOU'RE INTERESTED, AREN'T YOU?!
NOT EVERYONE GETS TO EXPERIENCE THE LIFE OF A POPULAR IDOL!
WELL? ARE YOU UP FOR
MY PLAN?
RIDICULOUS...
HUH?
I'M NOT INTERESTED IN BEING AN IDOL.
I'M PERFECTLY SATISFIED WITH MY OWN LIFE.
I HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO INTEREST IN
YOUR PLAN.
BYE.
HEY...

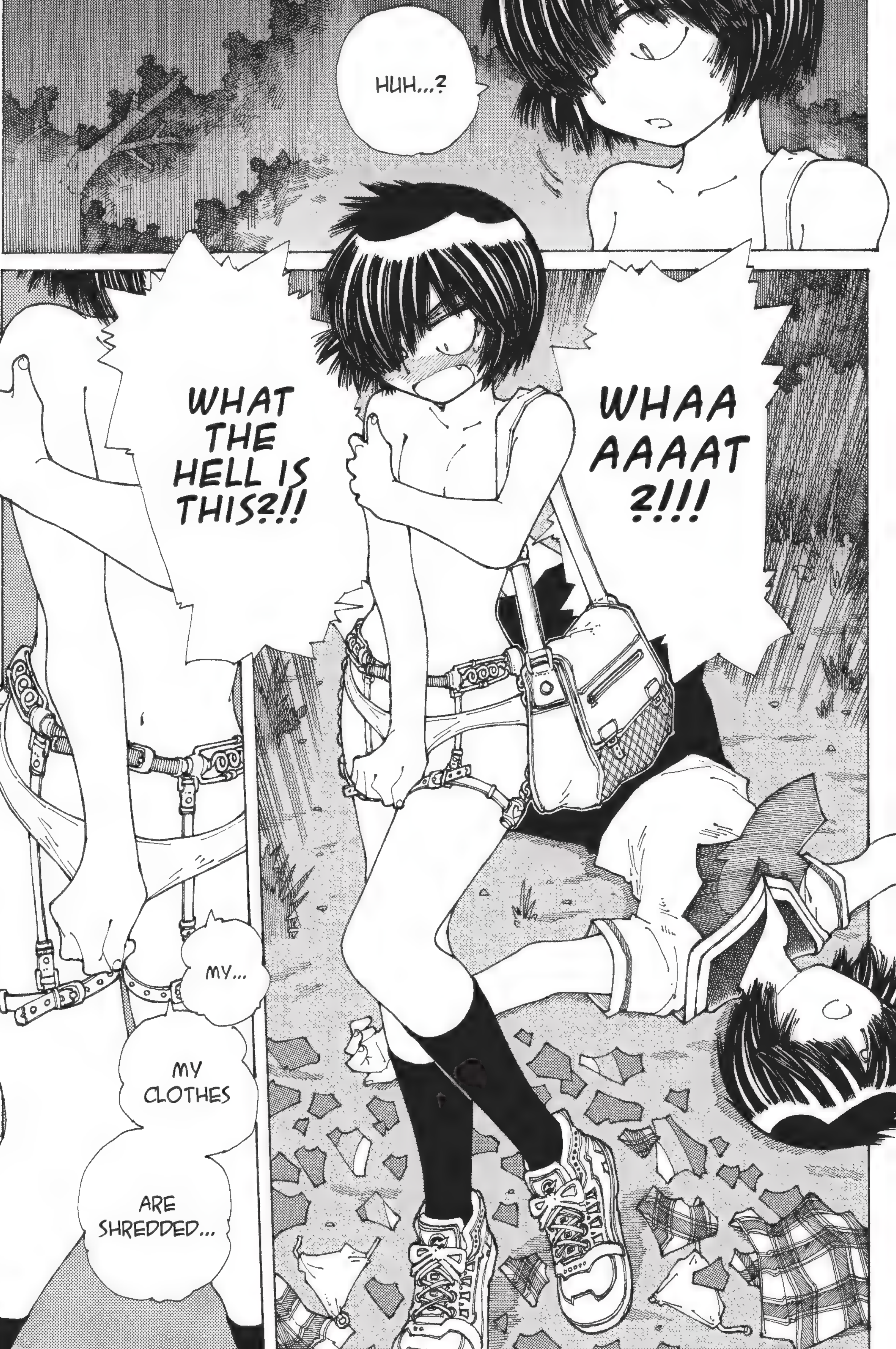

WAIT A SECOND!
BAM
IF YOU SAY YOU'RE NOT INTERESTED,
THEN I'LL JUST HAVE TO MAKE YOU INTERESTED...
SHWPP
ジュッ
!

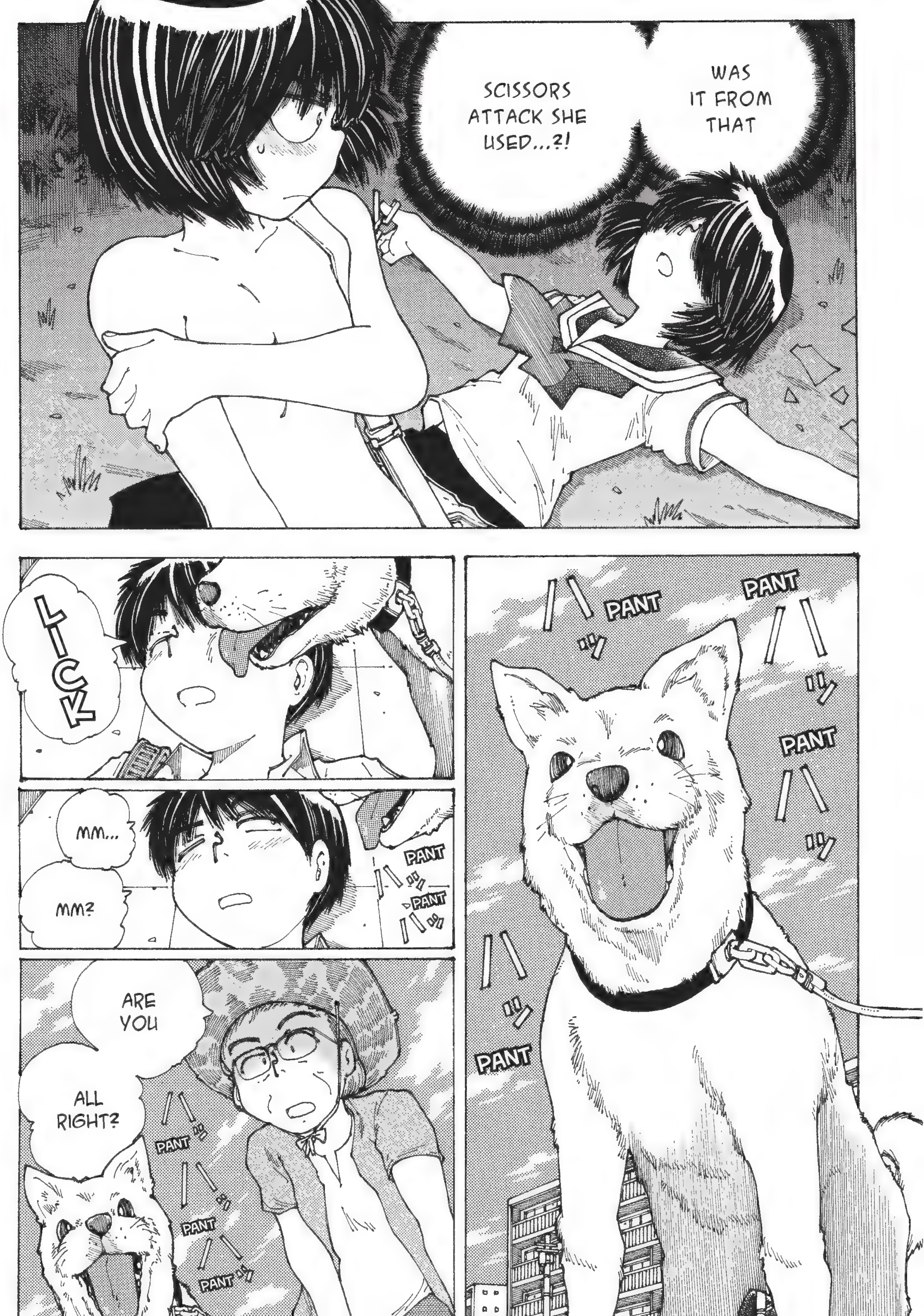

ジャキジャキ
SNIP
SNIP
ジャキジャキ
SNIP
SNIP
WHOOAAA!!!
THE HELL ARE YOU DOING?!
ジャキジャキ
SNIP
SNIP
ビイン
SPRING
SNIP

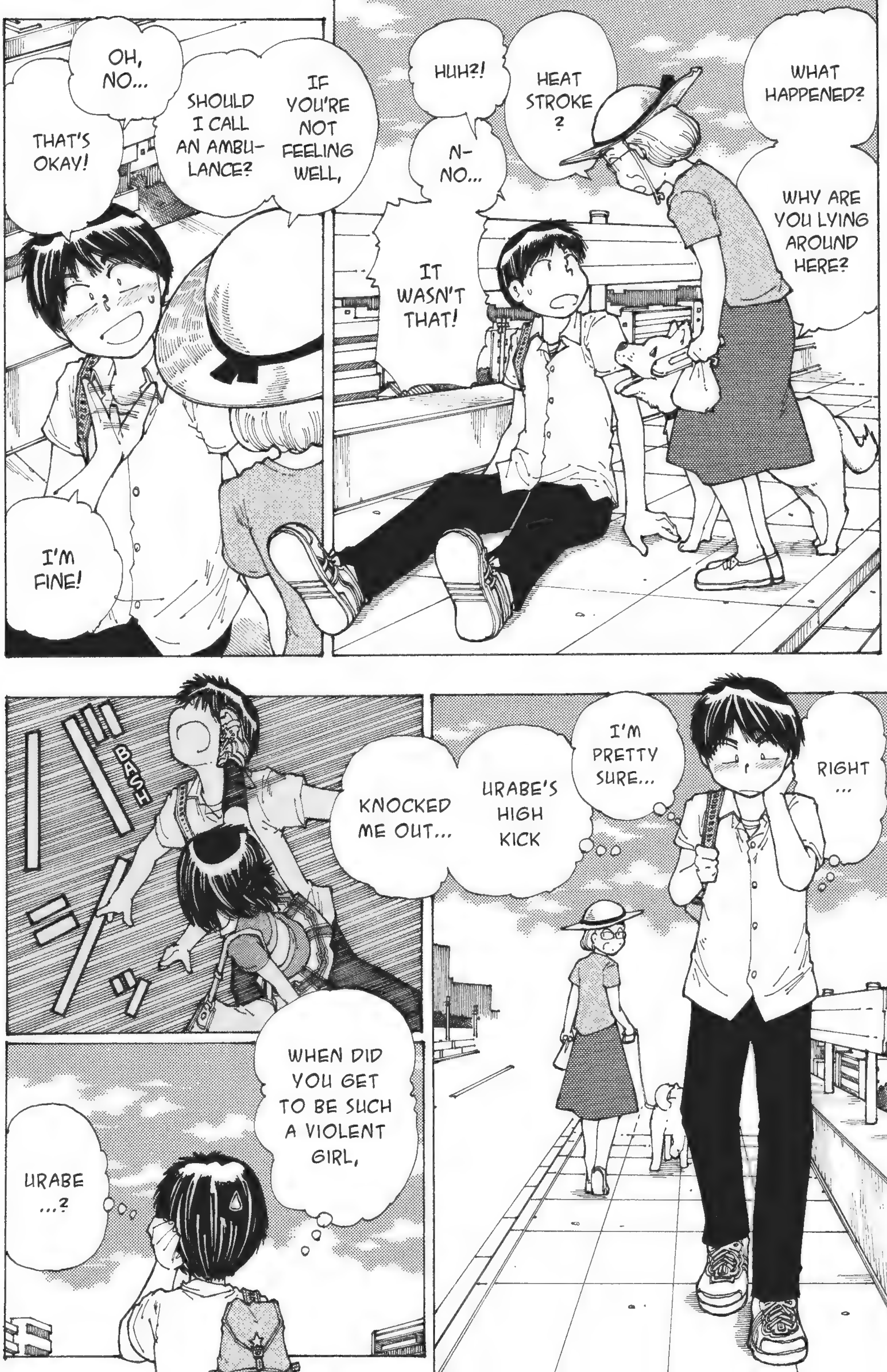
SPINN
KAK
WHAA
KA

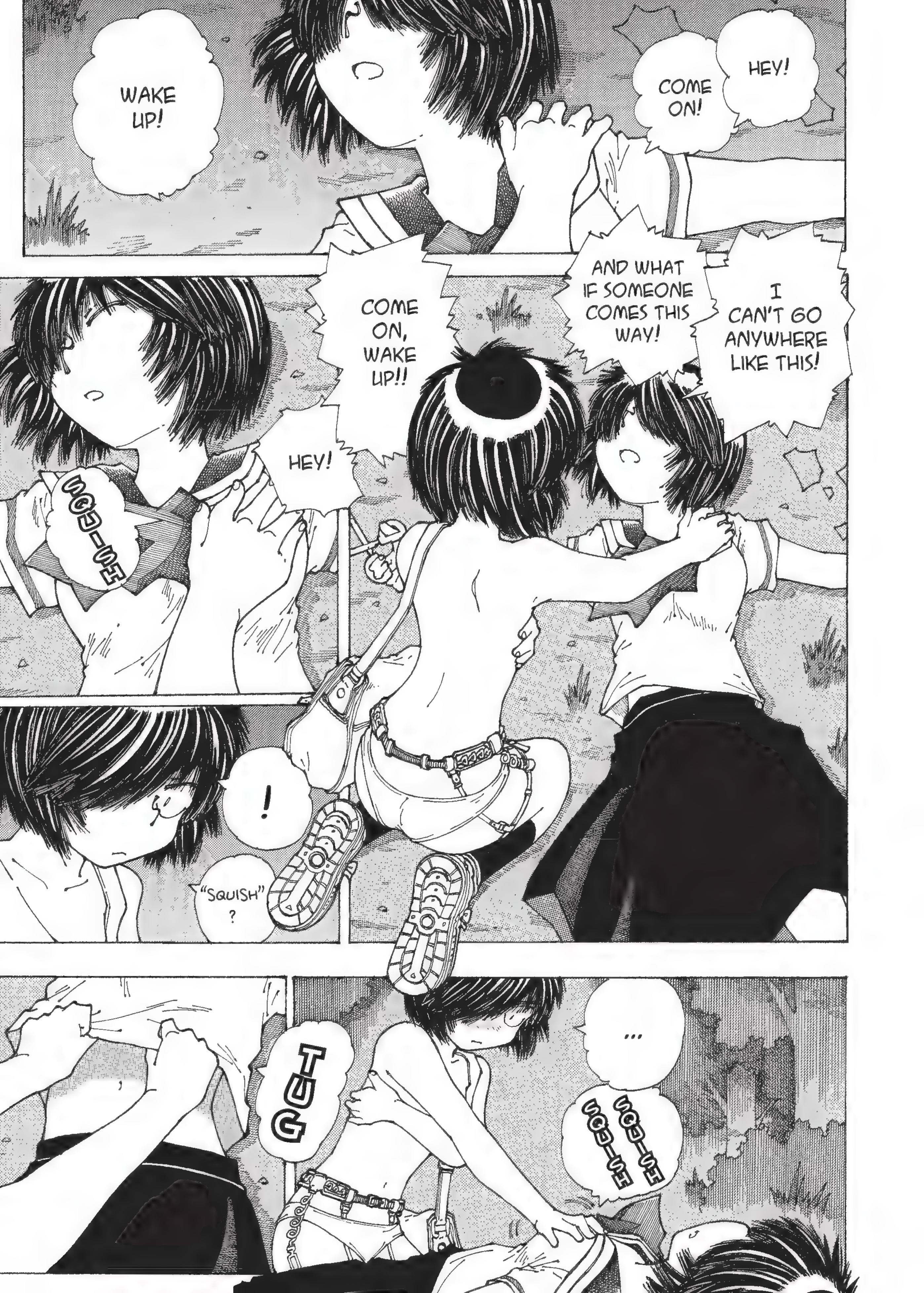

ザザザ…
ZKIIDD...
WHAT ON EARTH IS WITH THIS GIRL ?!!
PULLING CRAZY MOVES LIKE THAT WITH SCISSORS...
KACHAK
STILL, SHE WAS MOVING SO FAST,
I HAD A HARD TIME KEEPING MY EYES ON HER.
LOOKS LIKE SHE'S GOT THE ATHLETIC ABILITY TO BE AN IDOL ...
RIP
RIP
RIP
RIP
RIP
RIP

バラ
SCATTER...
ラ…
バサーバサーバサ
FLUTTER
FLUTTER
FLUTTER


HUH...?
WHAAAAAAT?!!!
WHAT THE HELL IS THIS?!!
MY...
MY CLOTHES
ARE SHREDDED...


WAS IT FROM THAT
SCISSORS ATTACK SHE USED...?!
PANT PANT
PANT
PANT
LICK
MM...
MM?
PANT PANT
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
PANT PANT PANT


WHAT HAPPENED?
WHY ARE YOU LYING AROUND HERE?
HEAT STROKE?
HUH?!
N-NO...
IT WASN'T THAT!
IF YOU'RE NOT FEELING WELL,
SHOULD I CALL AN AMBULANCE?
OH, NO...
THAT'S OKAY!
I'M FINE!
RIGHT...
I'M PRETTY SURE...
URABE'S HIGH KICK
KNOCKED ME OUT...
BASH
WHEN DID YOU GET TO BE SUCH A VIOLENT GIRL,
URABE...?


HEY!
COME ON!
WAKE UP!
I CAN'T GO ANYWHERE LIKE THIS!
AND WHAT IF SOMEONE COMES THIS WAY!
COME ON, WAKE UP!!
HEY!
SQUISH
!
"SQUISH" ?
...
SQUISH SQUISH
TUG

THEY'RE HUGE...!!
GLANCE
ばっ!!
WHIP
HER CHEST IS THE ONLY THING THAT LOOKS NOTHING LIKE ME...!!

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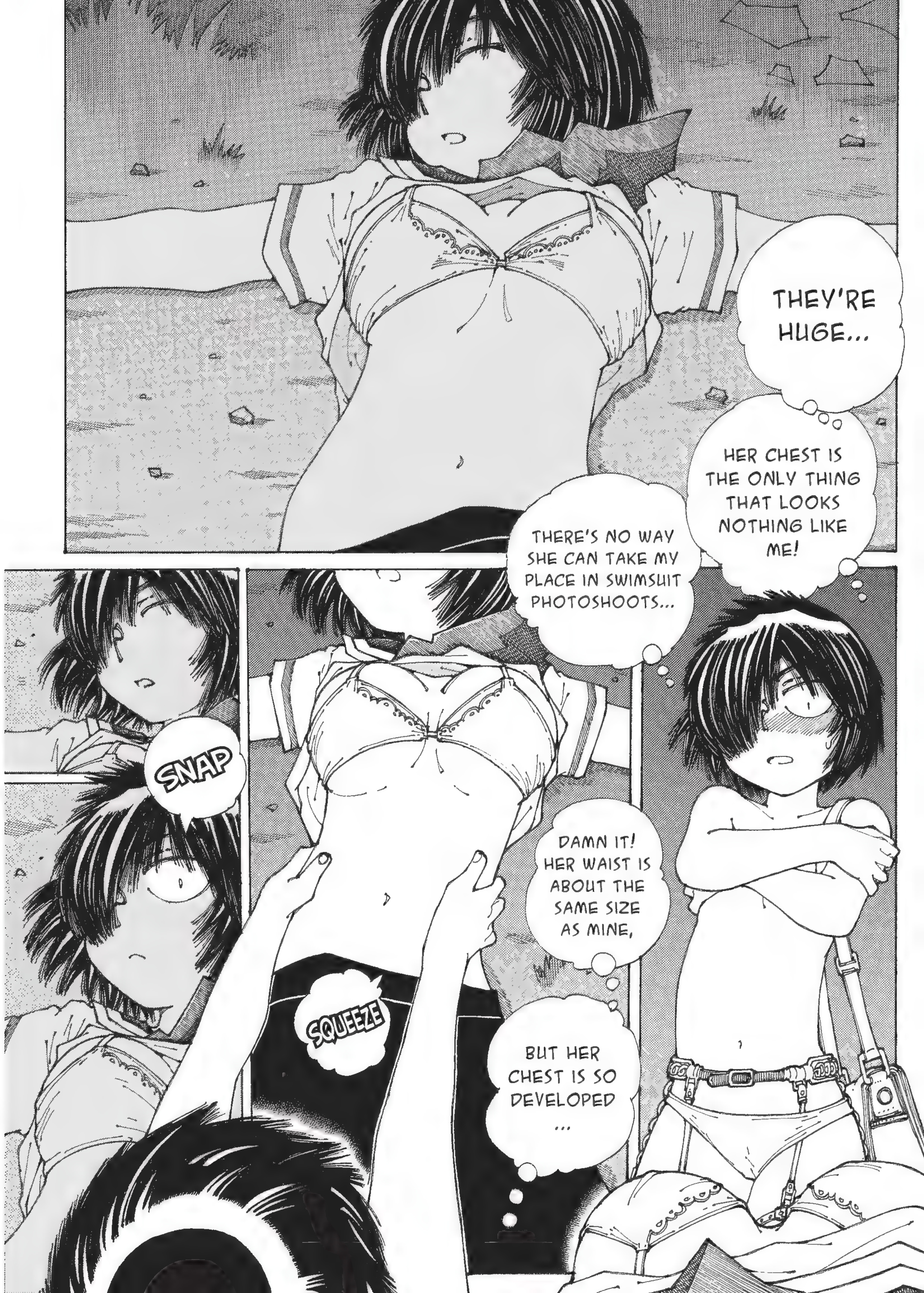
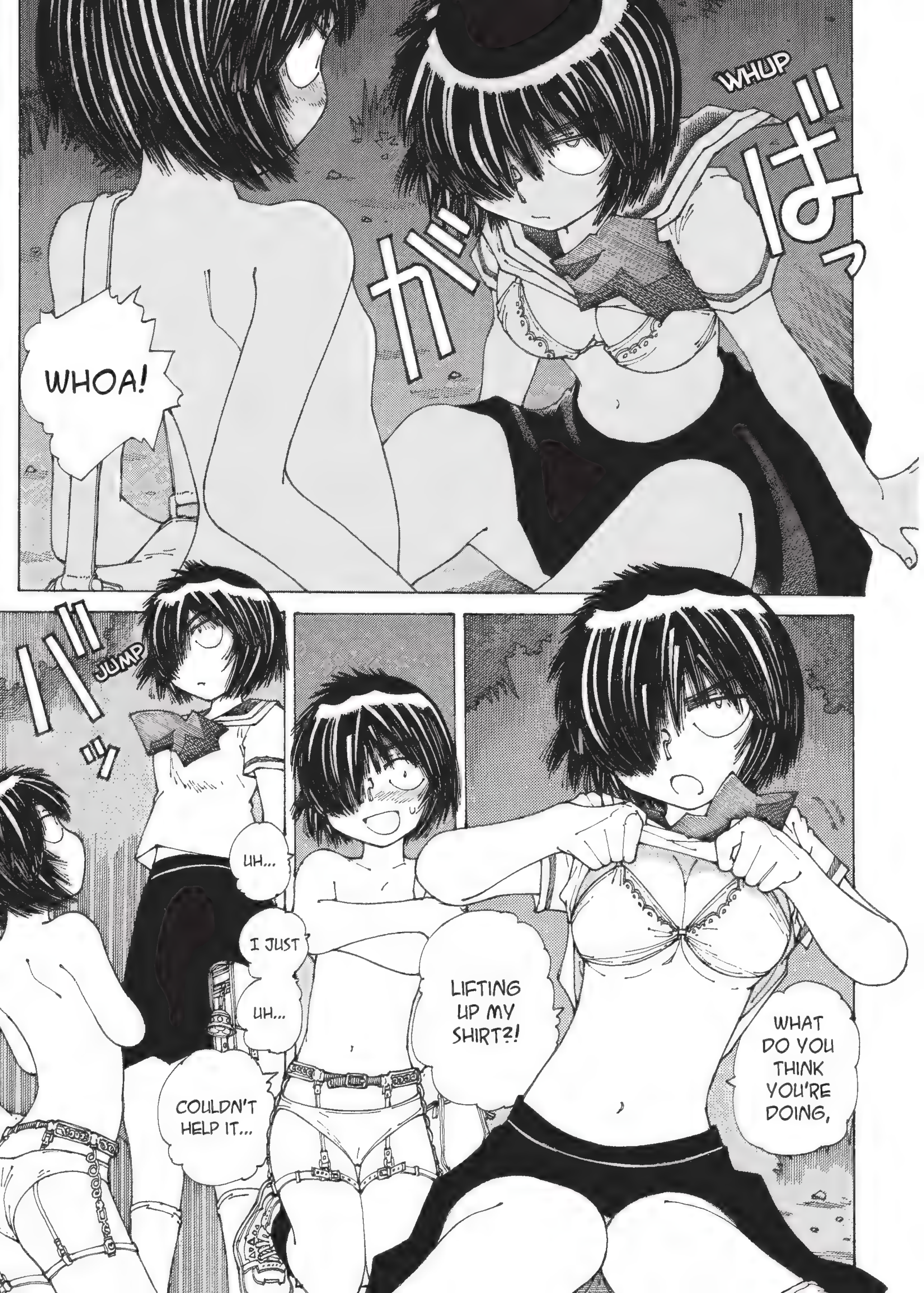
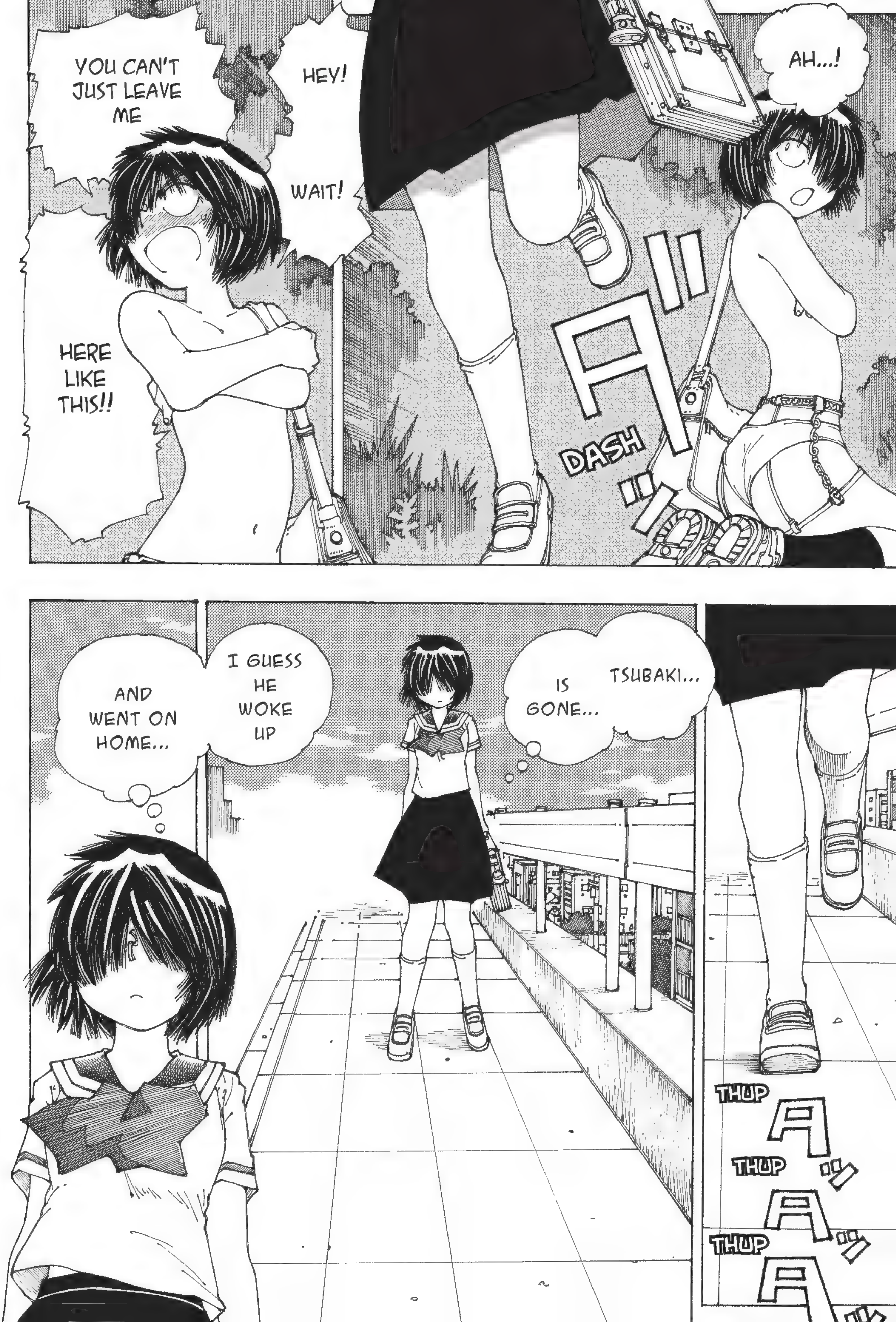
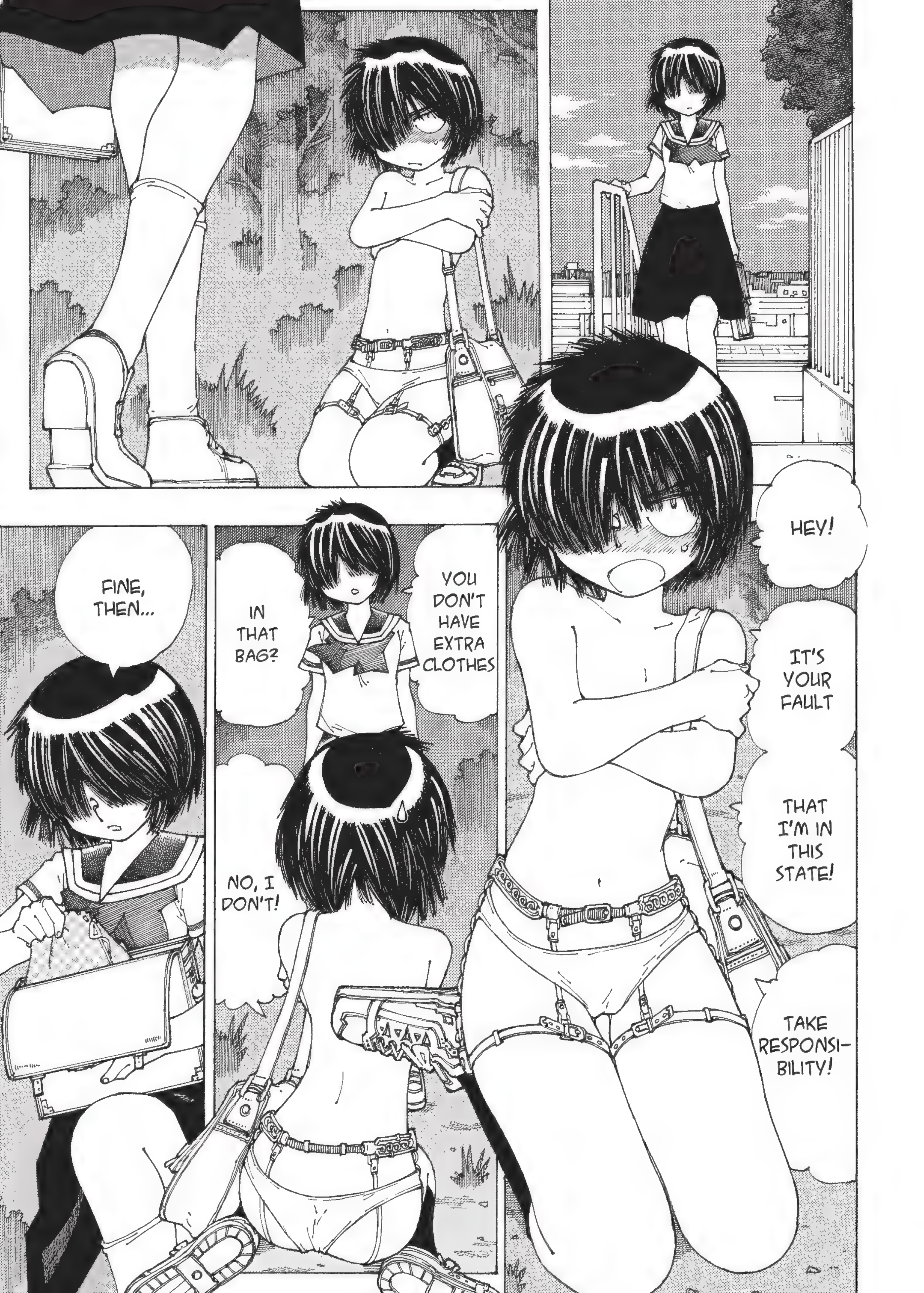
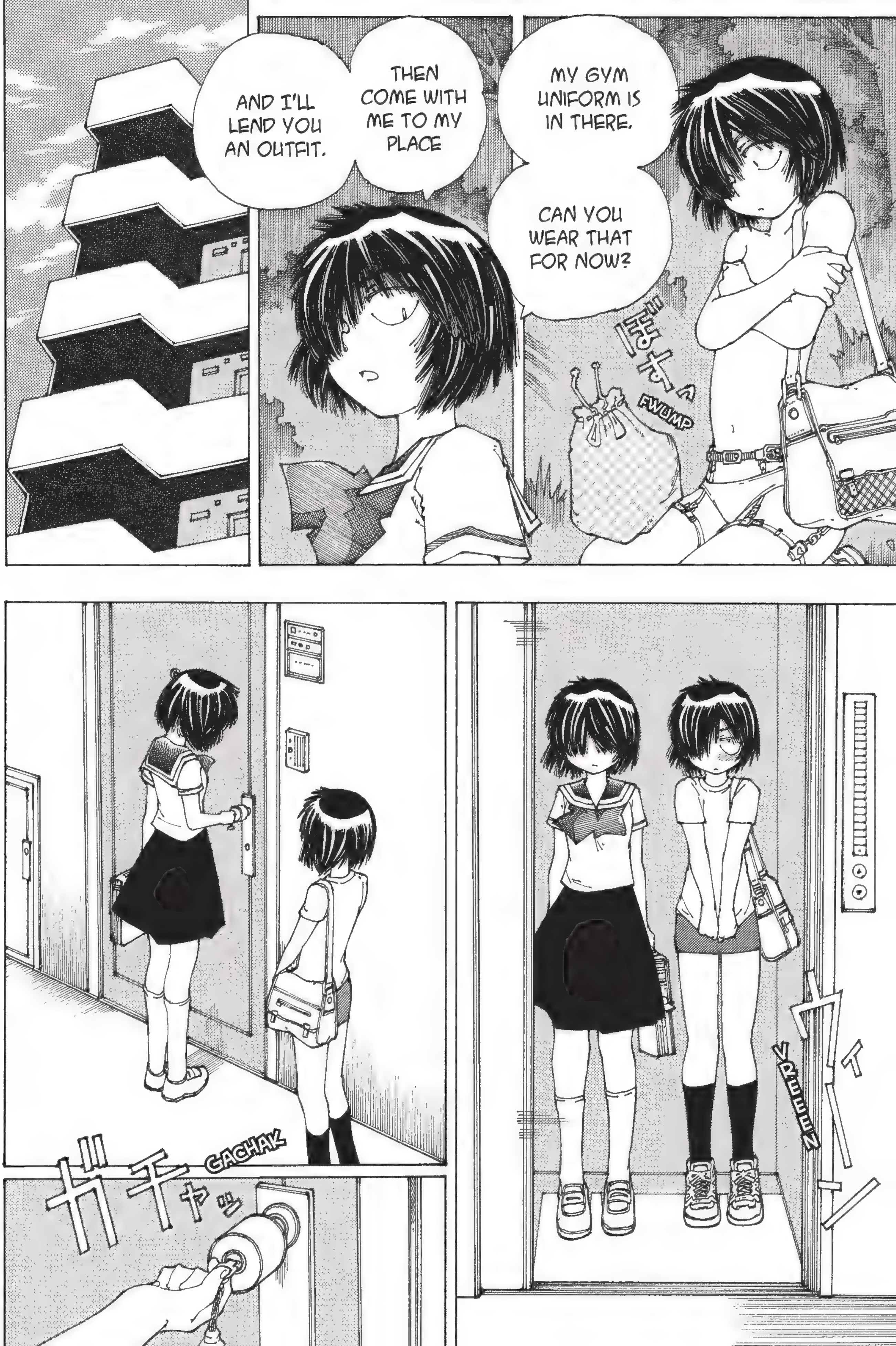
CHAPTER 39: MYSTERIOUS UNISON

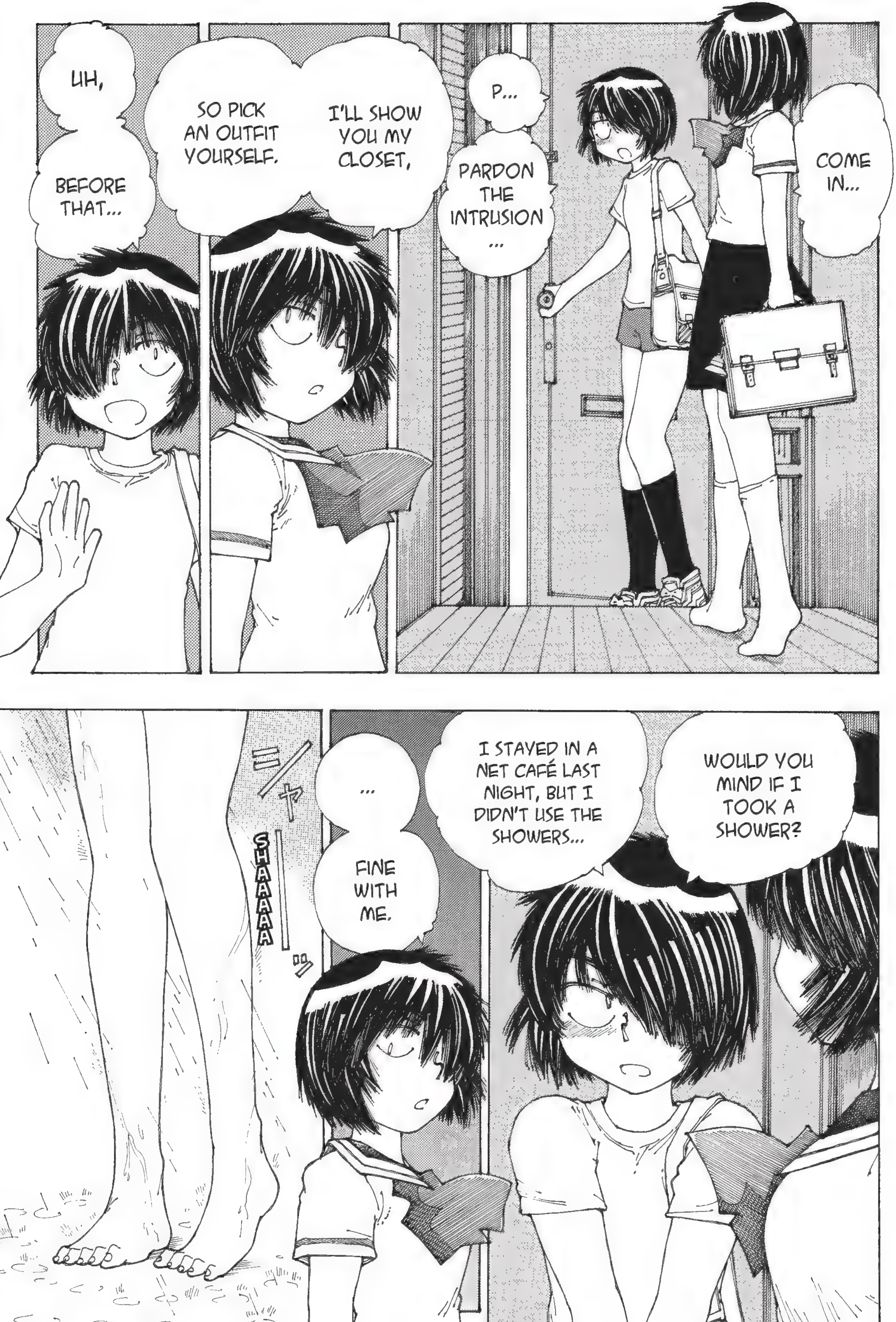

THEY'RE HUGE...
HER CHEST IS THE ONLY THING THAT LOOKS NOTHING LIKE ME!
THERE'S NO WAY SHE CAN TAKE MY PLACE IN SWIMSUIT PHOTOSHOOTS...
DAMN IT! HER WAIST IS ABOUT THE SAME SIZE AS MINE,
BUT HER CHEST IS SO DEVELOPED ...
SQUEEZE
SNAP

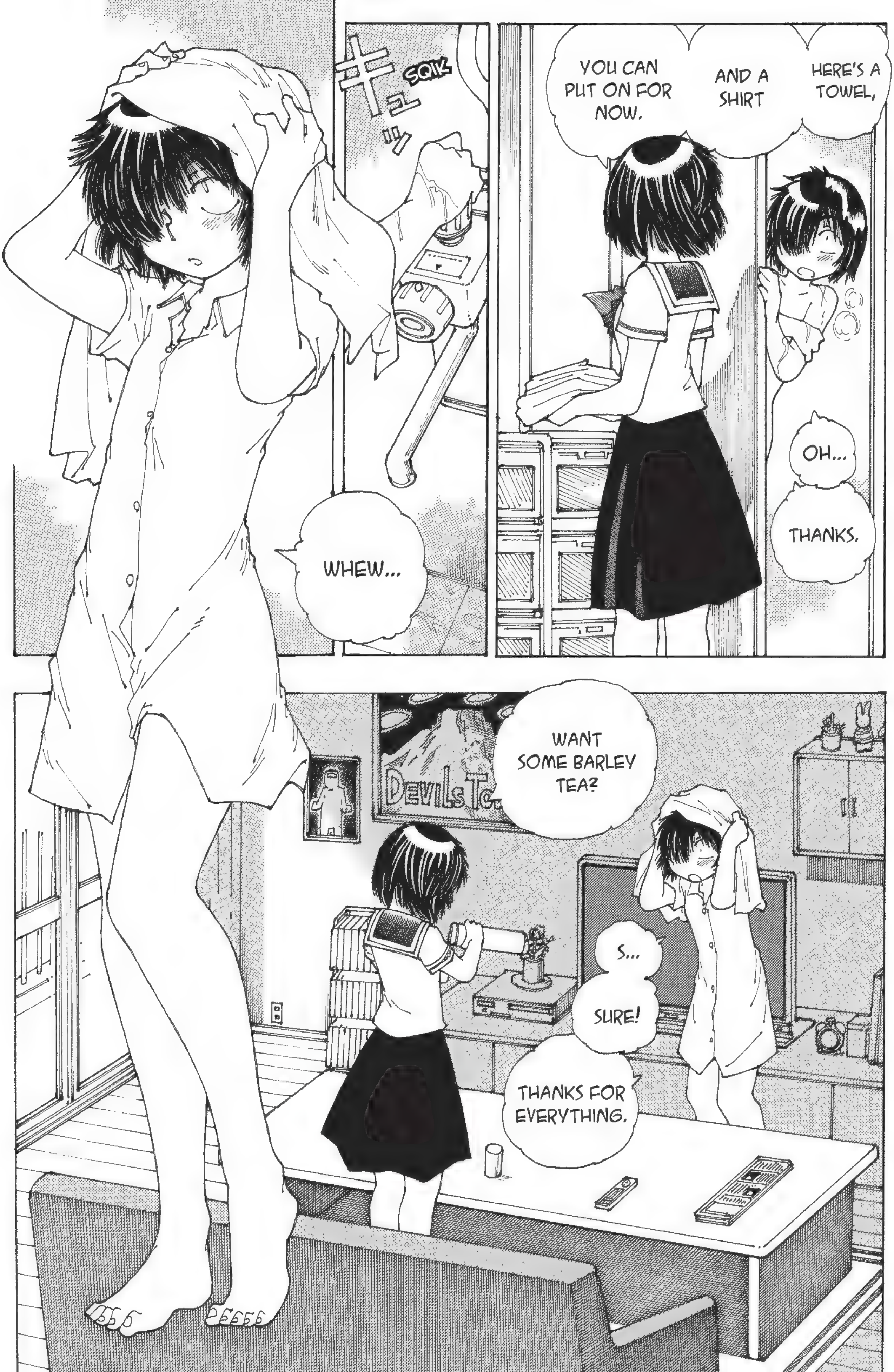

ばっ
WHUP
がば
WHOA!
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING,
LIFTING UP MY SHIRT?!
UH...
I JUST
UH...
COULDN'T HELP IT...
バッ
JUMP

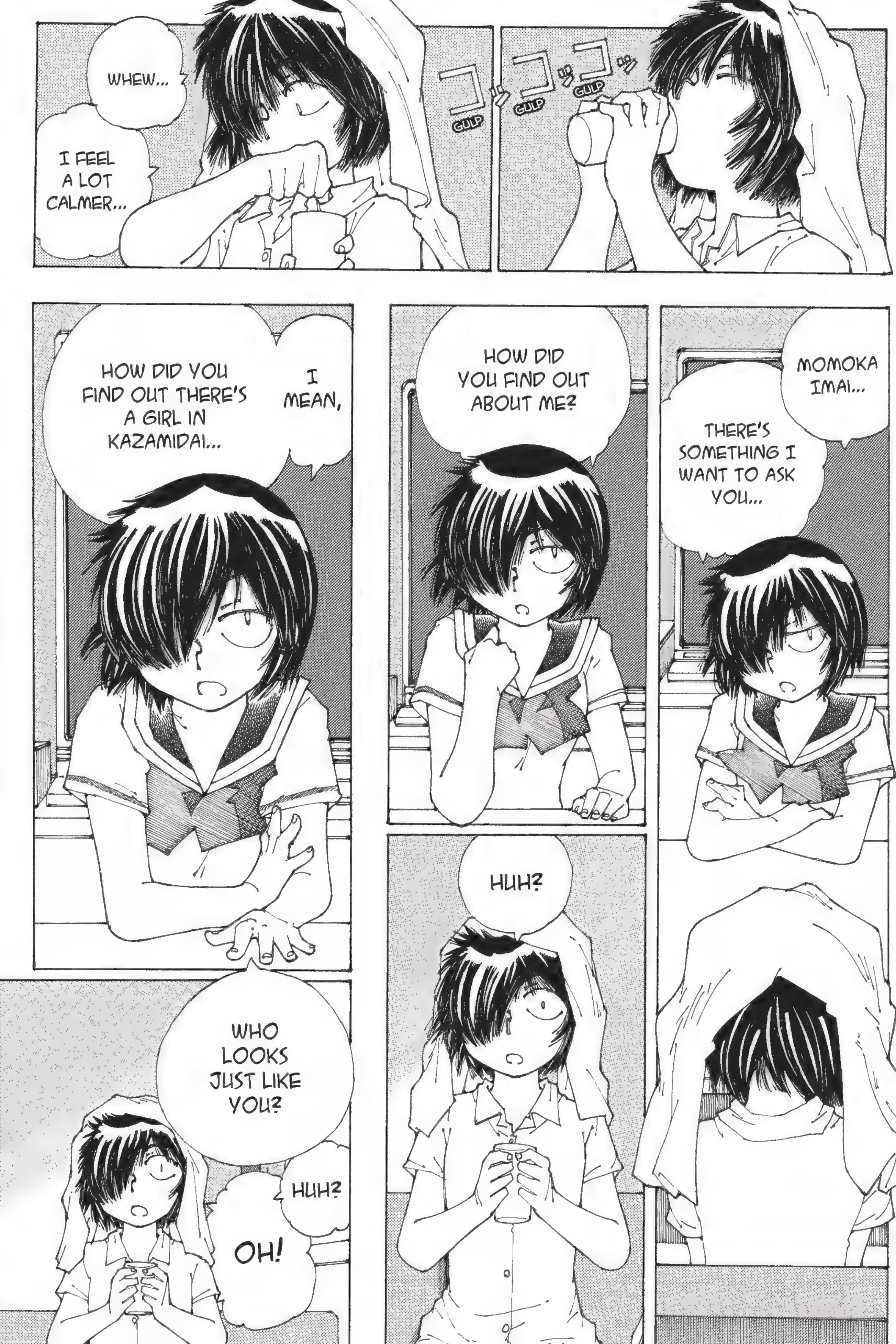

AH...!
DASH
HEY!
WAIT!
YOU CAN'T JUST LEAVE ME HERE LIKE THIS!!
THUP
THUP
THUP
TSUBAKI... IS GONE...
I GUESS HE WOKE UP AND WENT ON HOME...


HEY!
IT'S YOUR FAULT
THAT I'M IN THIS STATE!
TAKE RESPONSIBILITY!
YOU DON'T HAVE EXTRA CLOTHES
IN THAT BAG?
NO, I DON'T!
FINE, THEN...


MY GYM UNIFORM IS IN THERE.
CAN YOU WEAR THAT FOR NOW?
ぼすっ
FWUMP
THEN COME WITH ME TO MY PLACE
AND I'LL LEND YOU AN OUTFIT.
ウィーン
VREEEN
ガチャッ
GACHAK


COME IN...
P...
PARDON THE INTRUSION...
I'LL SHOW YOU MY CLOSET,
SO PICK AN OUTFIT YOURSELF.
UH,
BEFORE THAT...
WOULD YOU MIND IF I TOOK A SHOWER?
I STAYED IN A NET CAFÉ LAST NIGHT, BUT I DIDN'T USE THE SHOWERS...
...
FINE WITH ME.
SHAAAAAA


HERE'S A TOWEL,
AND A SHIRT
YOU CAN PUT ON FOR NOW.
OH...
THANKS.
キュッ
SQIK
WHEW...
WANT SOME BARLEY TEA?
S...
SURE!
THANKS FOR EVERYTHING.
DEVILS TO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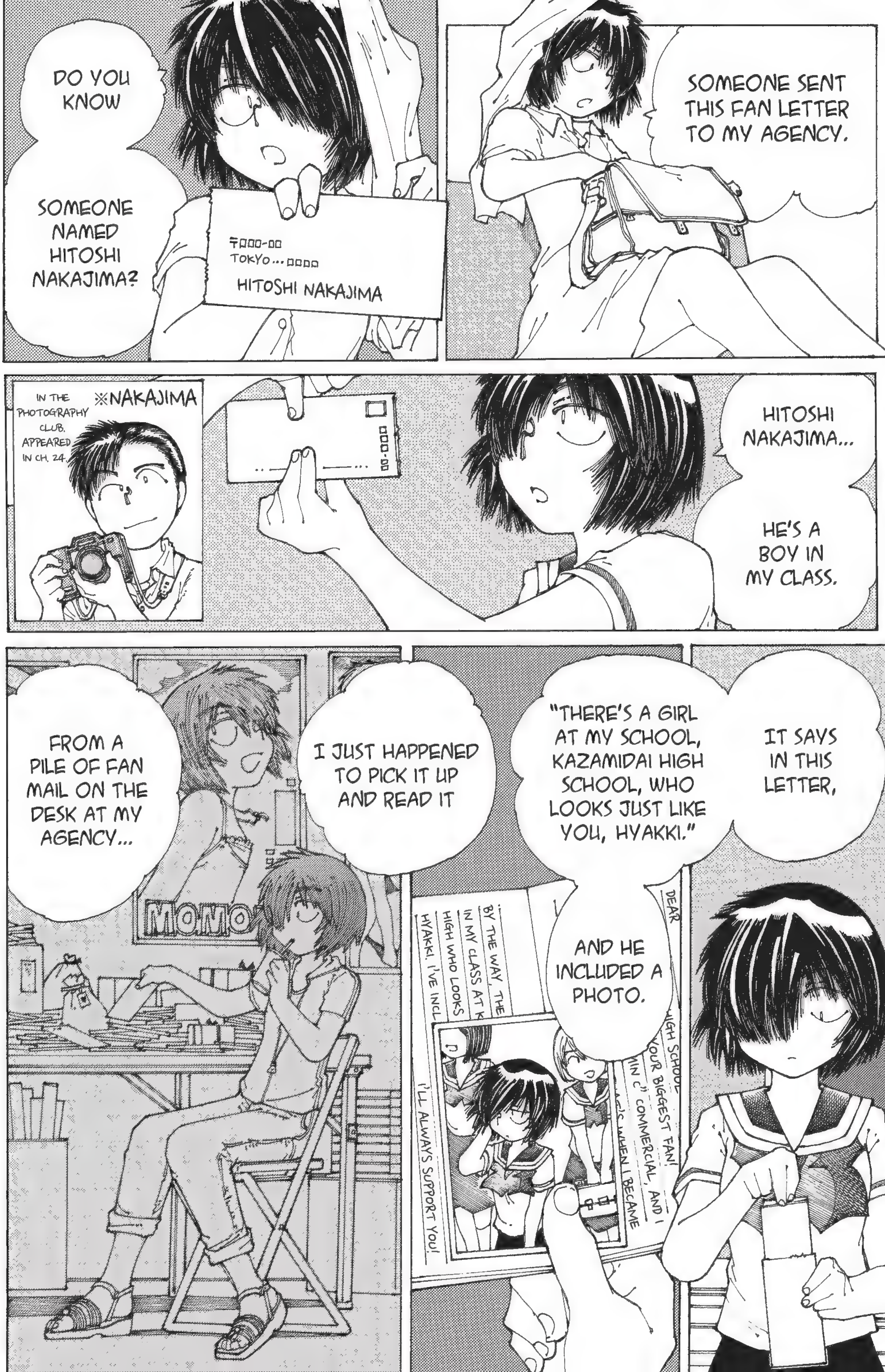
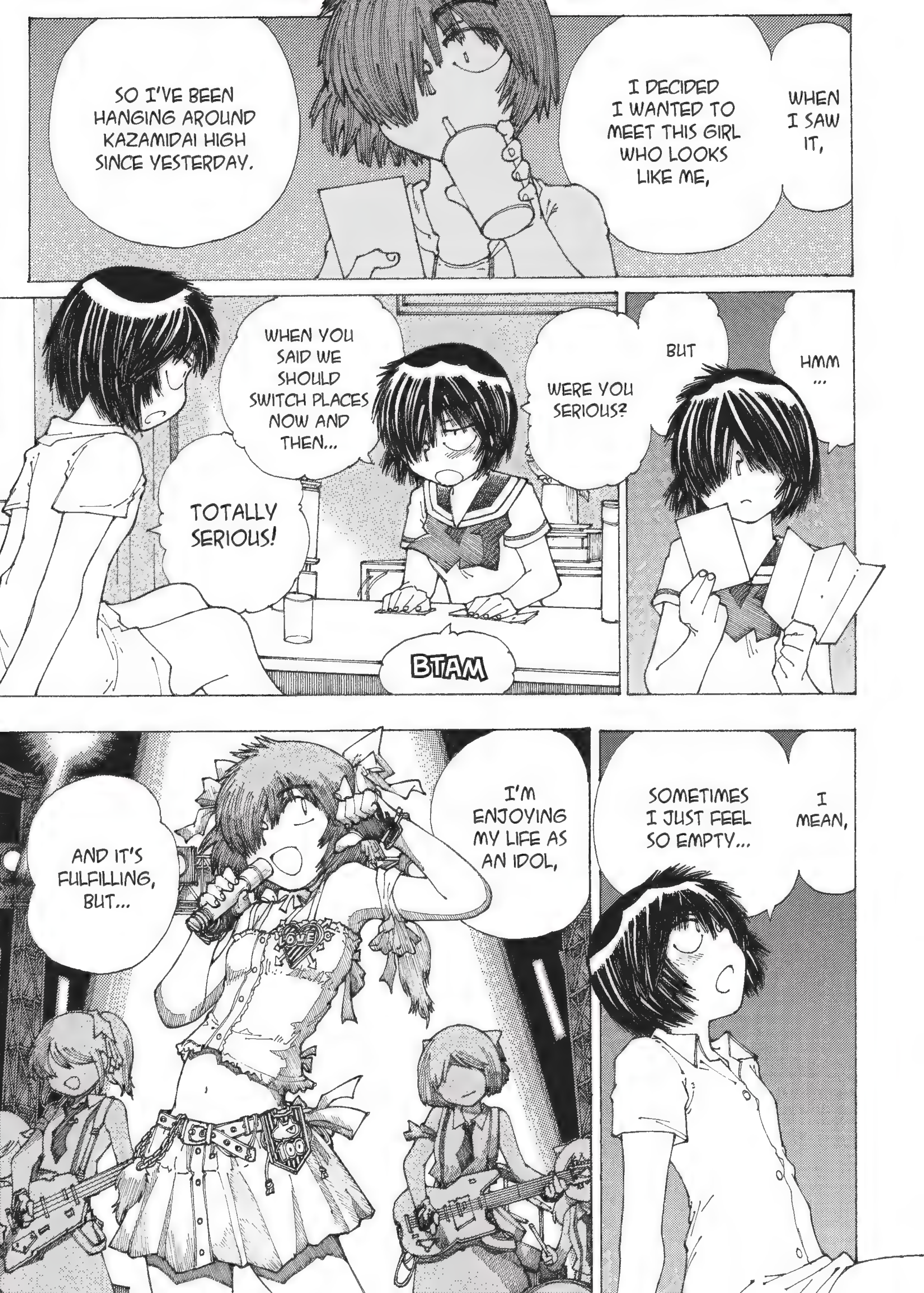
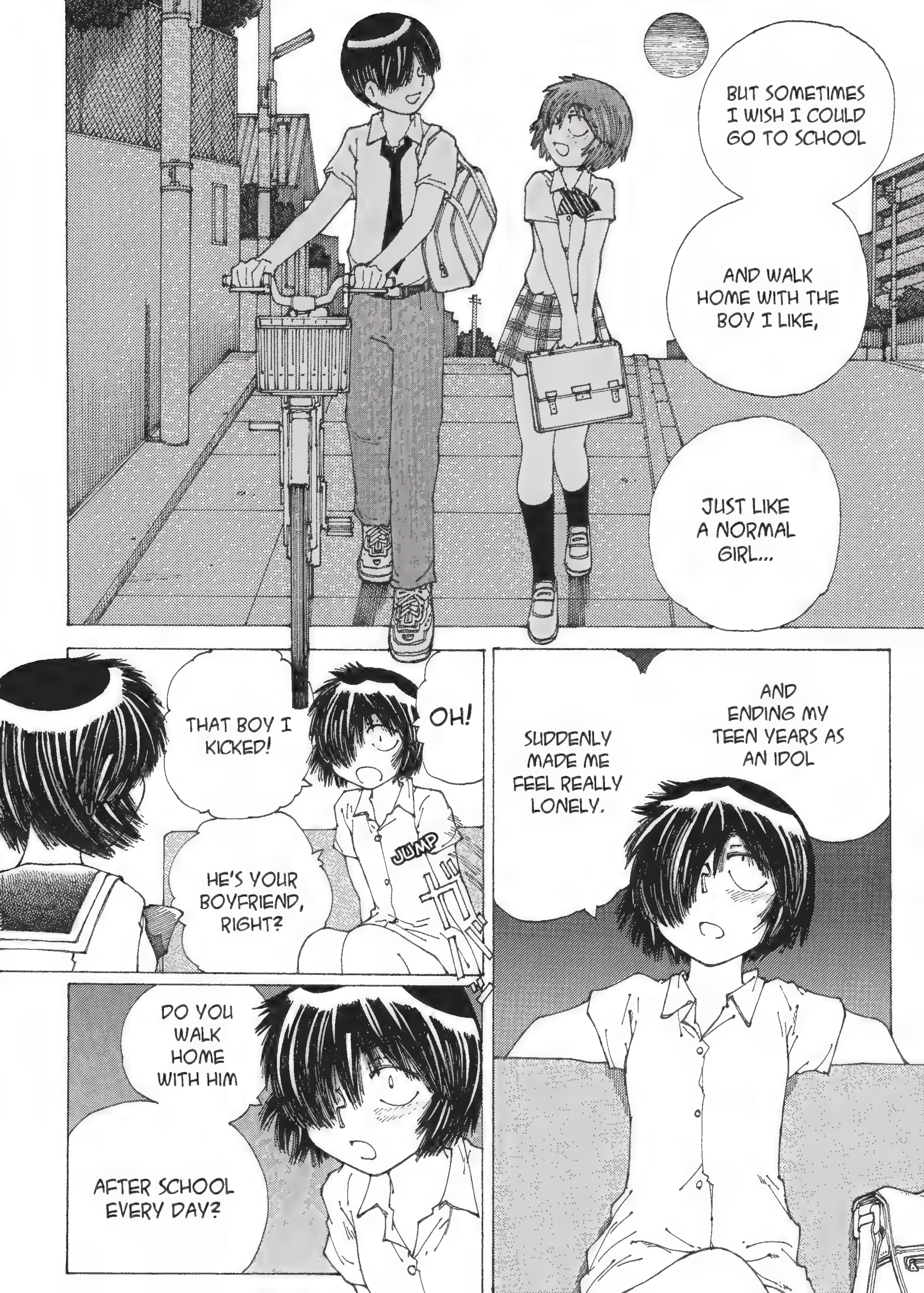
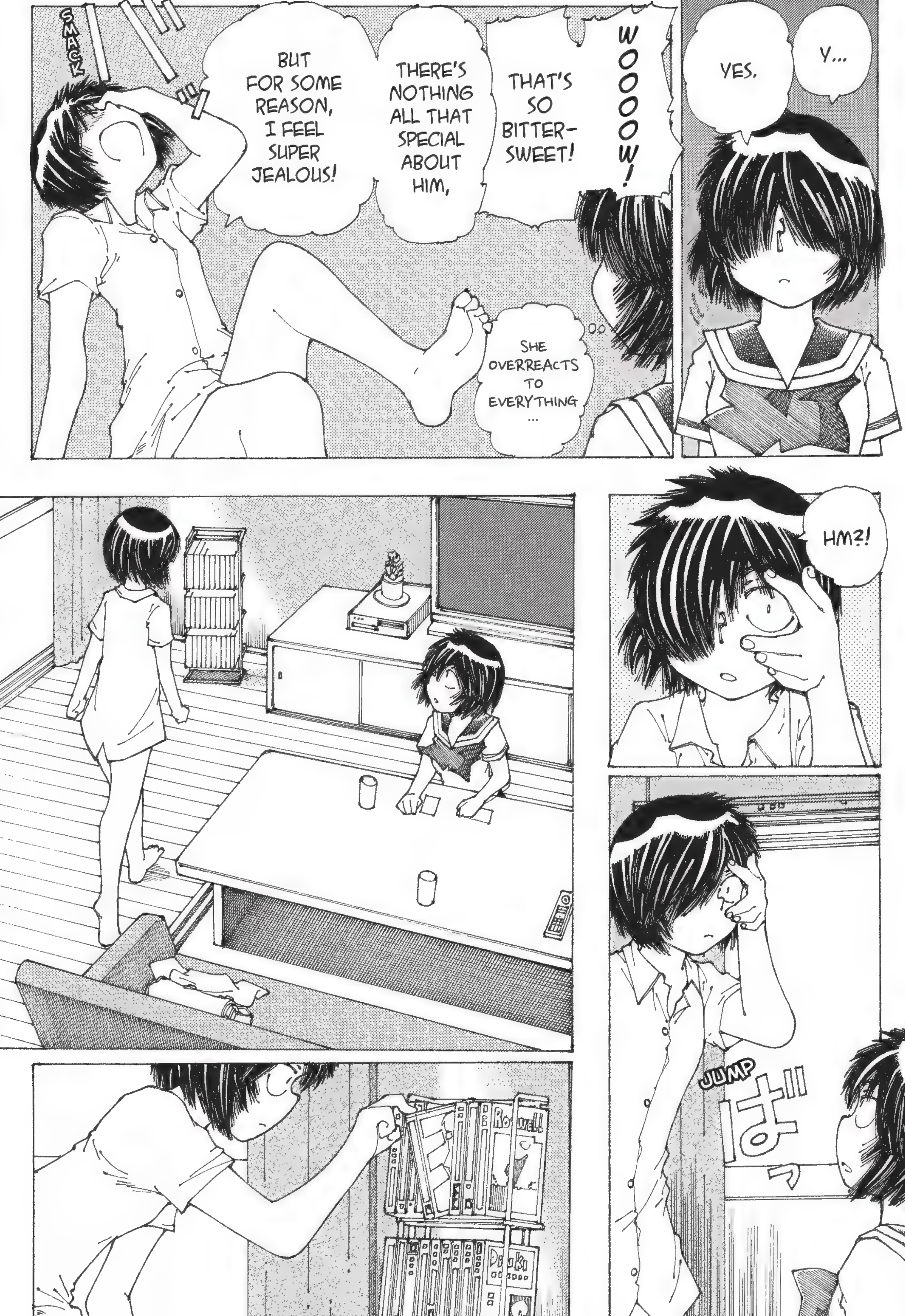
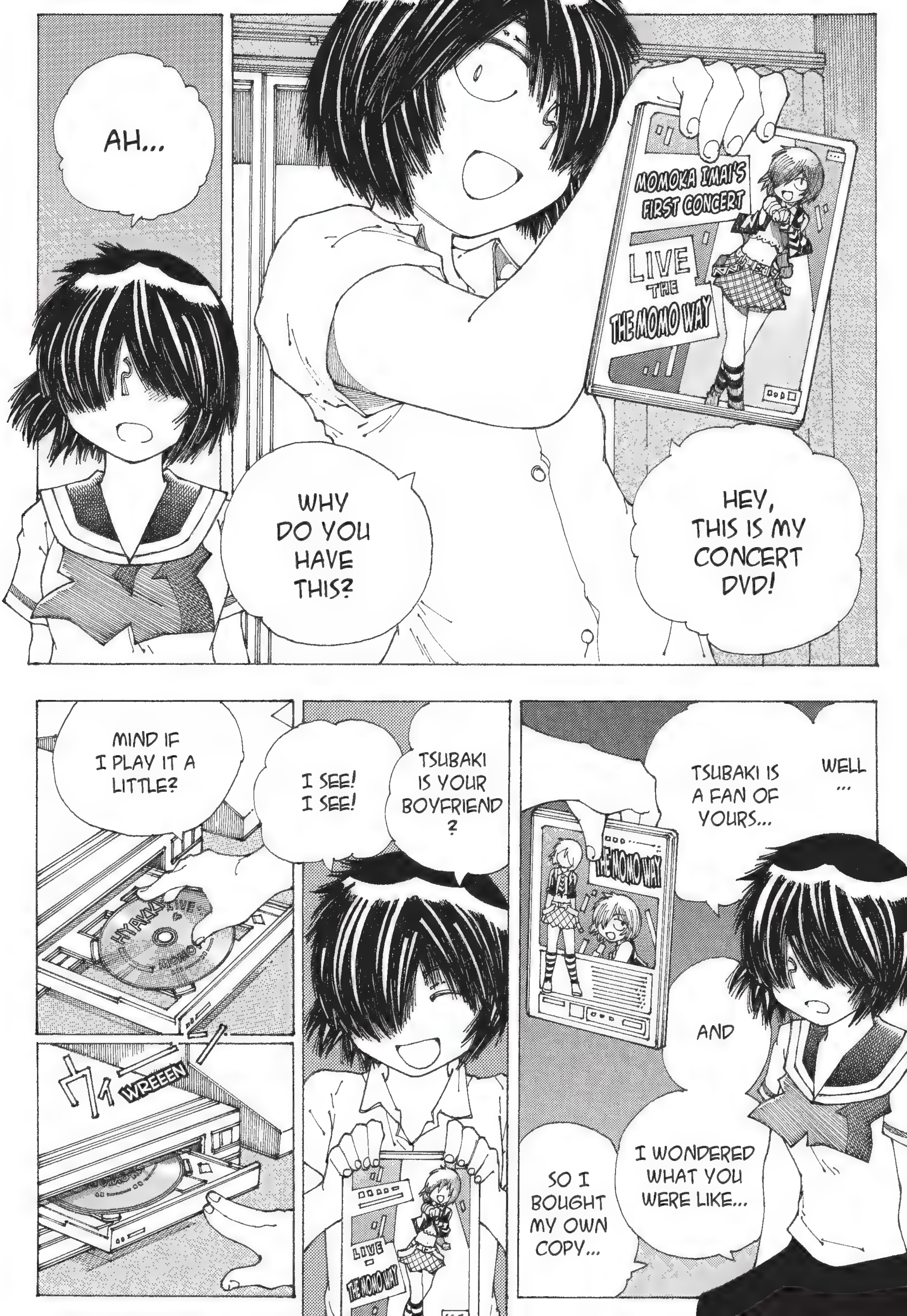
GULP GULP GULP
WHEW...
I FEEL A LOT CALMER...
MOMOKA IMAI...
THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT TO ASK YOU...
HOW DID YOU FIND OUT ABOUT ME?
I MEAN,
HOW DID YOU FIND OUT THERE'S A GIRL IN KAZAMIDAI...
WHO LOOKS JUST LIKE YOU?
HUH?
OH!
HUH?


SOMEONE SENT THIS FAN LETTER TO MY AGENCY.
DO YOU KNOW
SOMEONE NAMED HITOSHI NAKAJIMA?
〒□□□-□□
TOKYO…□□□□
HITOSHI NAKAJIMA
HITOSHI NAKAJIMA...
HE'S A BOY IN MY CLASS.
※NAKAJIMA
IN THE PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB. APPEARED IN CH. 24.
IT SAYS IN THIS LETTER,
"THERE'S A GIRL AT MY SCHOOL, KAZAMIDAI HIGH SCHOOL, WHO LOOKS JUST LIKE YOU, HYAKKI."
AND HE INCLUDED A PHOTO.
DEAR
IGH SCHOOL
YOUR BIGGEST FAN!
IN C" COMMERCIAL, AND I
S WHEN I BECAME
BY THE WAY, THE
IN MY CLASS AT K
HIGH WHO LOOKS
HYAKKI. I'VE INCL
I'LL ALWAYS SUPPORT YOU!
I JUST HAPPENED TO PICK IT UP AND READ IT
FROM A PILE OF FAN MAIL ON THE DESK AT MY AGENCY...
MOMO


WHEN I SAW IT,
I DECIDED I WANTED TO MEET THIS GIRL WHO LOOKS LIKE ME,
SO I'VE BEEN HANGING AROUND KAZAMIDAI HIGH SINCE YESTERDAY.
HMM ...
BUT
WERE YOU SERIOUS?
WHEN YOU SAID WE SHOULD SWITCH PLACES NOW AND THEN...
BTAM
TOTALLY SERIOUS!
I MEAN,
SOMETIMES I JUST FEEL SO EMPTY...
I'M ENJOYING MY LIFE AS AN IDOL,
AND IT'S FULFILLING, BUT...
LOVE
100


BUT SOMETIMES I WISH I COULD GO TO SCHOOL
AND WALK HOME WITH THE BOY I LIKE,
JUST LIKE A NORMAL GIRL...
AND ENDING MY TEEN YEARS AS AN IDOL
SUDDENLY MADE ME FEEL REALLY LONELY.
OH!
THAT BOY I KICKED!
JUMP
HE'S YOUR BOYFRIEND, RIGHT?
DO YOU WALK HOME WITH HIM
AFTER SCHOOL EVERY DAY?


Y...
YES.
WOOOOOW!
THAT'S SO BITTER-SWEET!
THERE'S NOTHING ALL THAT SPECIAL ABOUT HIM,
BUT FOR SOME REASON, I FEEL SUPER JEALOUS!
SMACK
SHE OVERREACTS TO EVERYTHING...
HM?!
JUMP
はっ
Roswell
Dogaki


HEY, THIS IS MY CONCERT DVD!
MOMOKA IMAI'S FIRST CONCERT
LIVE THE THE MOMO WAY
WHY DO YOU HAVE THIS?
AH...
WELL ...
TSUBAKI IS A FAN OF YOURS...
THE MOMO WAY
AND
I WONDERED WHAT YOU WERE LIKE...
SO I BOUGHT MY OWN COPY...
TSUBAKI IS YOUR BOYFRIEND?
I SEE! I SEE!
LIVE THE MOMO WAY
MIND IF I PLAY IT A LITTLE?
WREEEN

チャー
JAAAAANG
ドー・ドー
BANG
BANG
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100
チャッ
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BOOM
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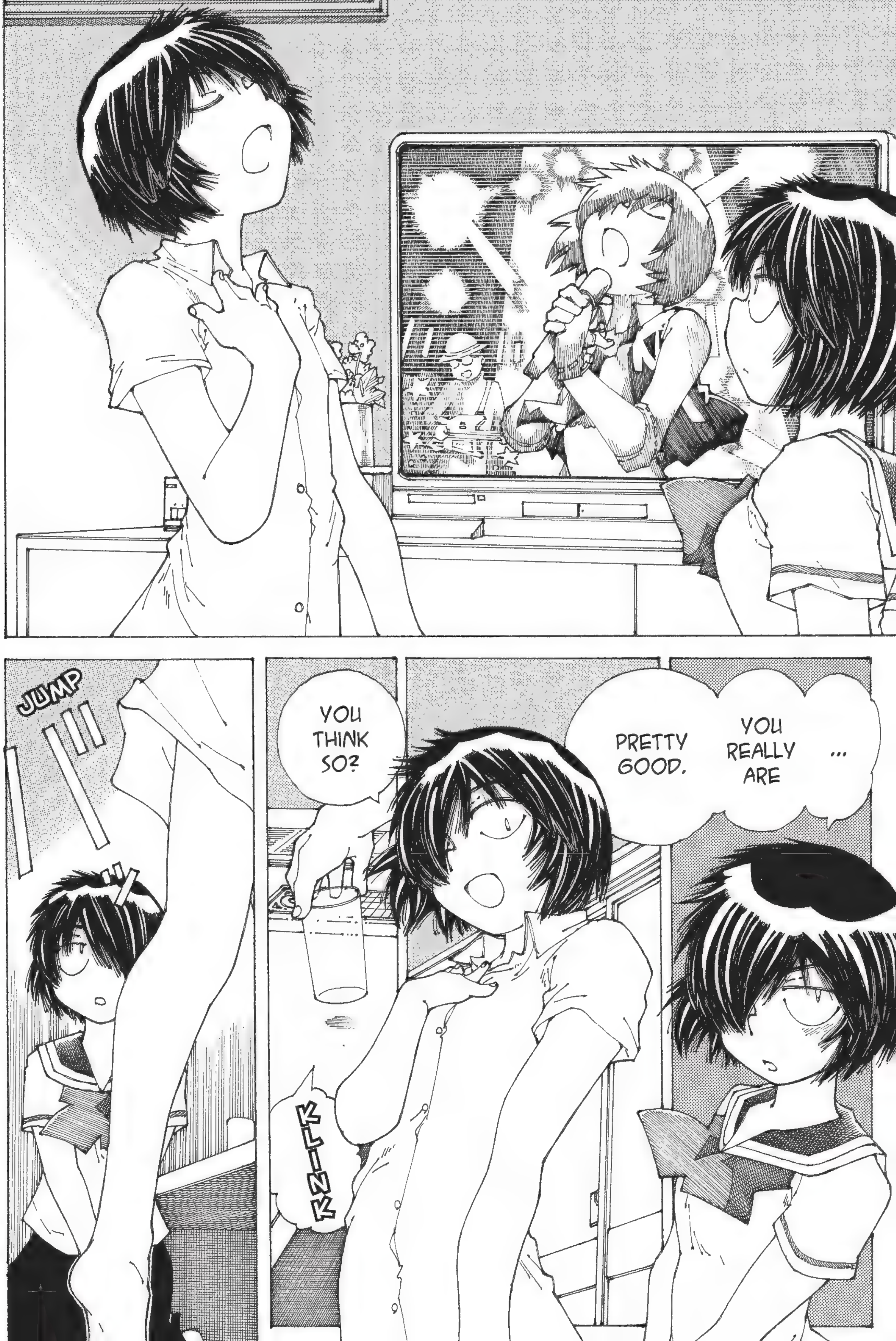
... YOU REALLY ARE PRETTY GOOD.
YOU THINK SO?
KLINK
JUMP

ジャーン
JANG
ジャーン
JANG
ジャーン
JAANG

COME ON!
WAVE WAVE
CHA チャッ
CHA チャッ
CHA チャッ

JANG
ジャーン
JANG
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JANG

ジャ
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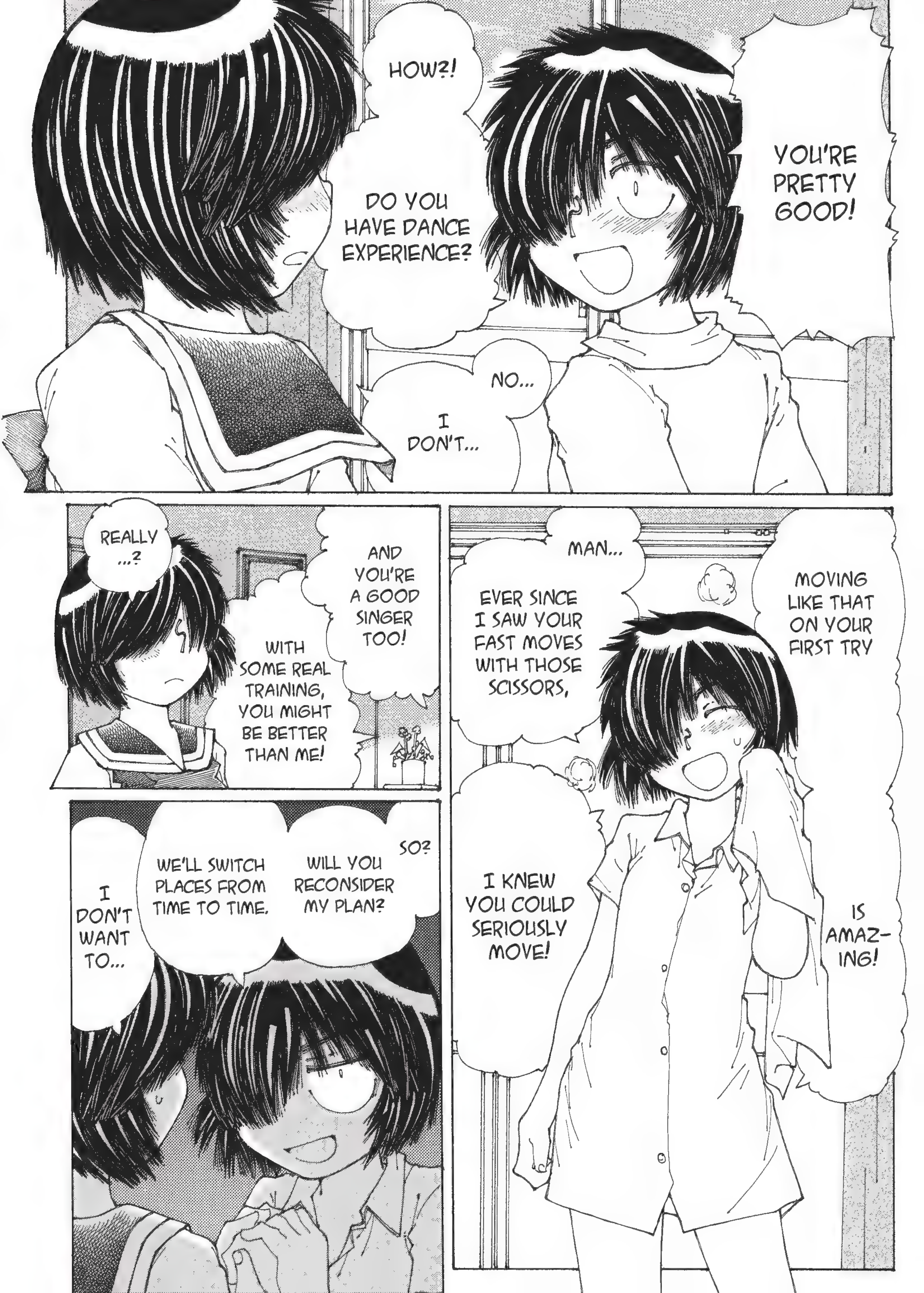
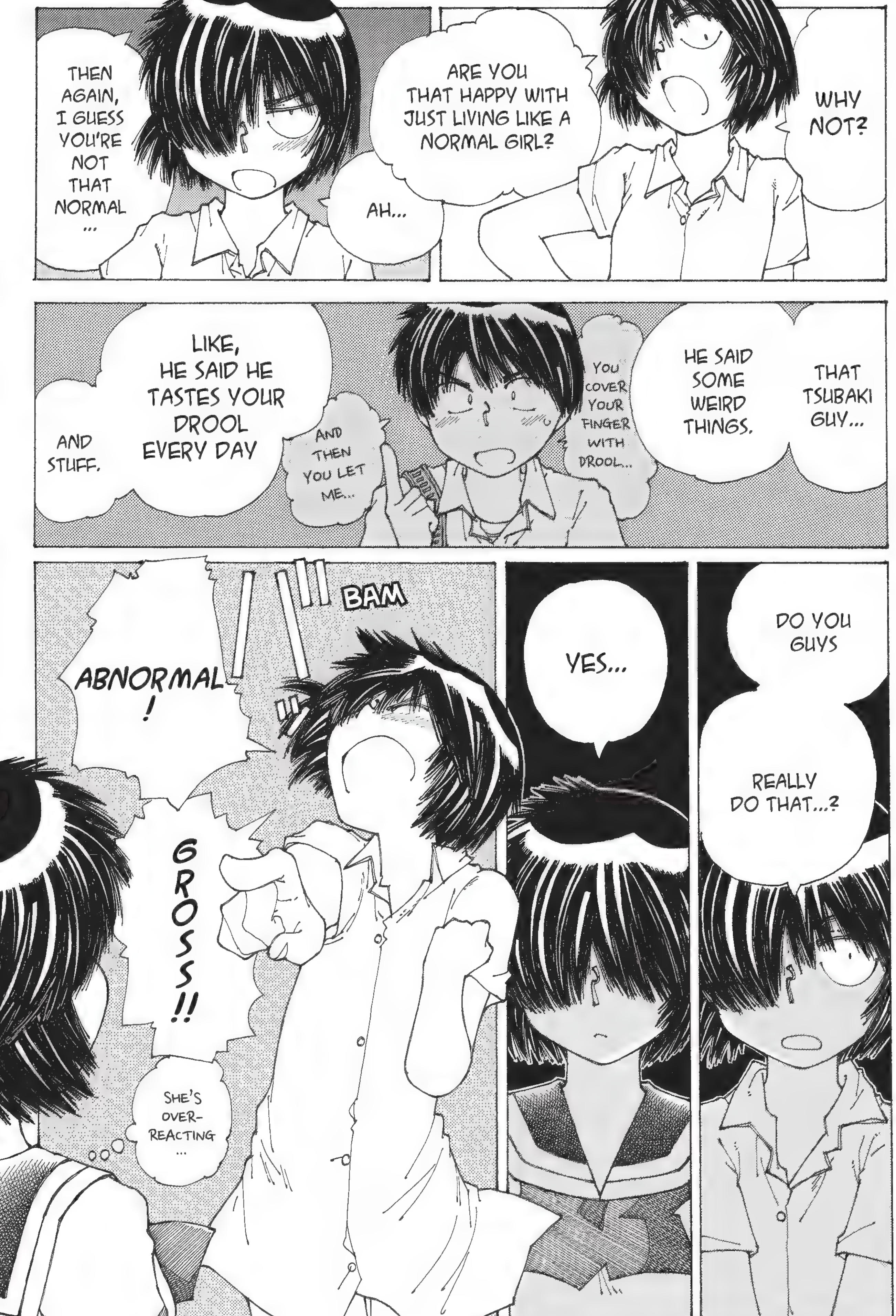
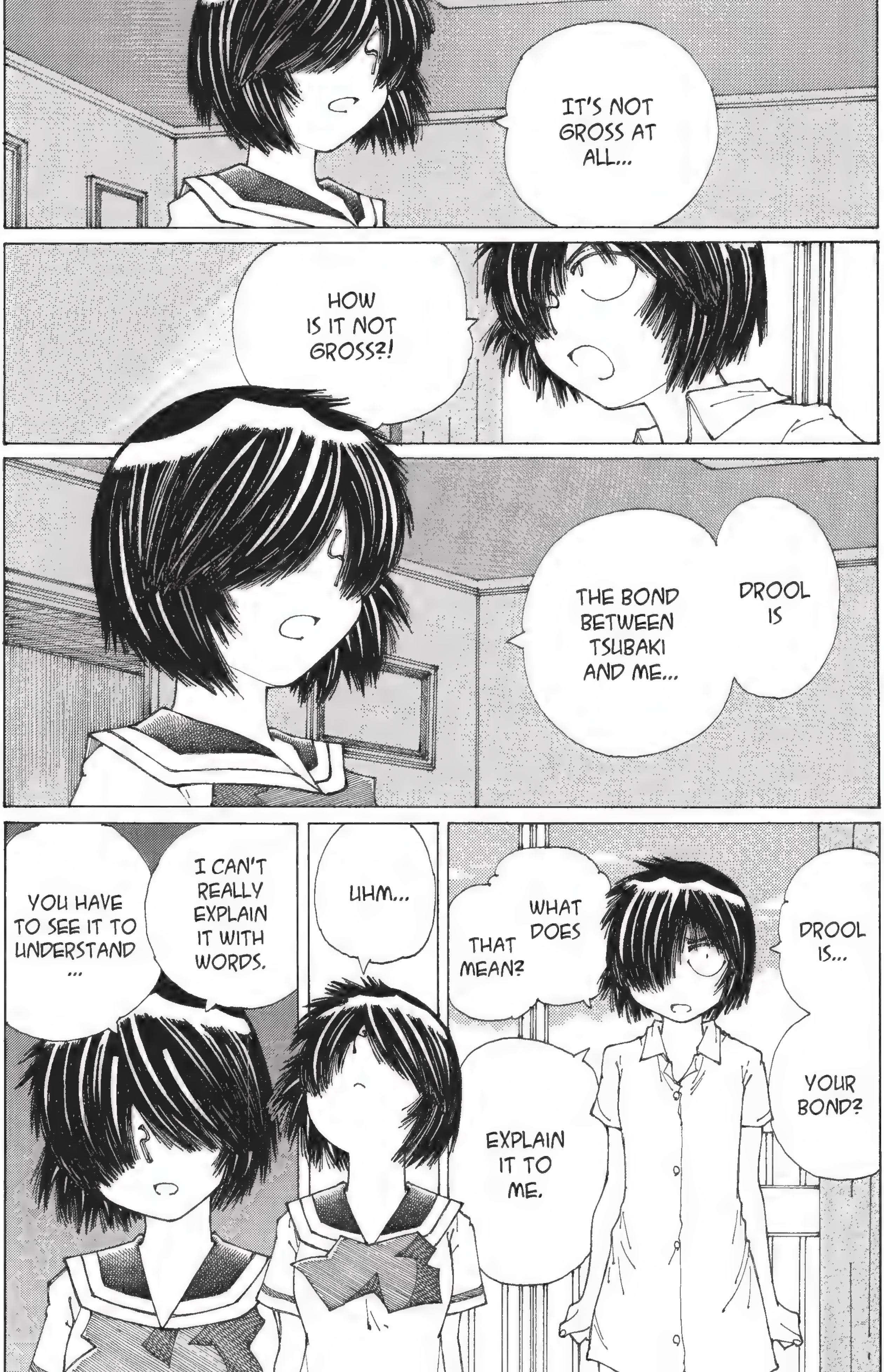
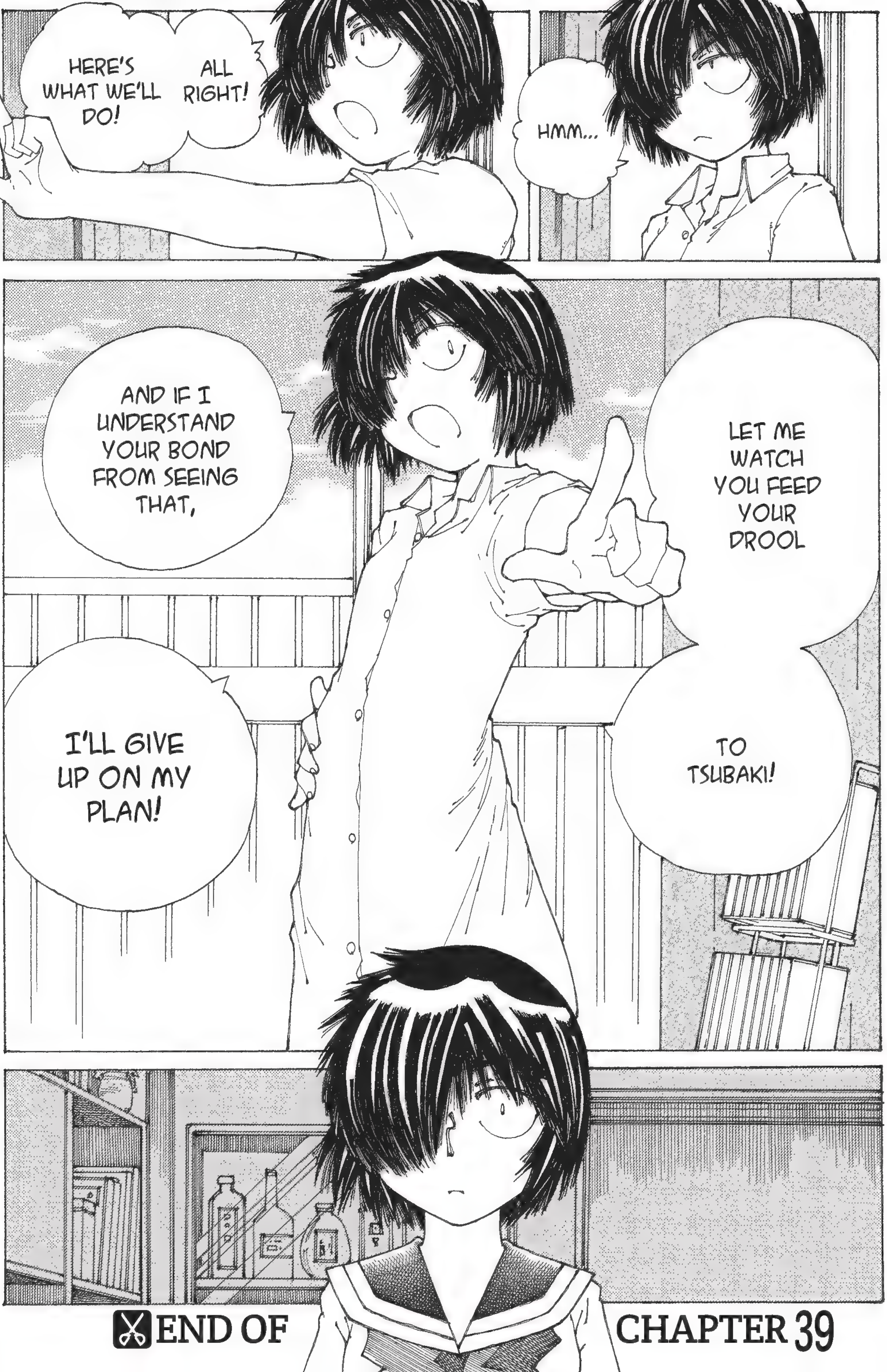
JAANG
YAY!♥


YOU'RE PRETTY GOOD!
HOW?!
DO YOU HAVE DANCE EXPERIENCE?
NO...
I DON'T...
MAN...
MOVING LIKE THAT ON YOUR FIRST TRY
IS AMAZING!
EVER SINCE I SAW YOUR FAST MOVES WITH THOSE SCISSORS,
I KNEW YOU COULD SERIOUSLY MOVE!
AND YOU'RE A GOOD SINGER TOO!
WITH SOME REAL TRAINING, YOU MIGHT BE BETTER THAN ME!
REALLY ...?
SO?
WILL YOU RECONSIDER MY PLAN?
WE'LL SWITCH PLACES FROM TIME TO TIME.
I DON'T WANT TO...


WHY NOT?
ARE YOU THAT HAPPY WITH JUST LIVING LIKE A NORMAL GIRL?
AH...
THEN AGAIN, I GUESS YOU'RE NOT THAT NORMAL...
THAT TSUBAKI GUY...
HE SAID SOME WEIRD THINGS.
YOU COVER YOUR FINGER WITH DROOL...
AND THEN YOU LET ME...
LIKE, HE SAID HE TASTES YOUR DROOL EVERY DAY
AND STUFF.
DO YOU GUYS
REALLY DO THAT...?
YES...
BAM
ABNORMAL!
GROSS!!
SHE'S OVER-REACTING...


IT'S NOT GROSS AT ALL...
HOW IS IT NOT GROSS?!
DROOL IS
THE BOND BETWEEN TSUBAKI AND ME...
DROOL IS...
YOUR BOND?
WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?
EXPLAIN IT TO ME.
UHM...
I CAN'T REALLY EXPLAIN IT WITH WORDS.
YOU HAVE TO SEE IT TO UNDERSTAND ...


HMM...
ALL RIGHT!
HERE'S WHAT WE'LL DO!
LET ME WATCH YOU FEED YOUR DROOL
TO TSUBAKI!
AND IF I UNDERSTAND YOUR BOND FROM SEEING THAT,
I'LL GIVE UP ON MY PLAN!

END OF CHAPTER 39

Since the story in this volume is about an idol, I decided to make the theme of these bonus pages about idols, or in other words, people I admire.

MY IDOL: ①

MIKAKO TABE

(1989~)

She's an actress.

I suffered from a slipped disk last year, and during my frequent visits to the orthopedic surgeon, I often saw the NHK serial drama "Tsubasa" on the waiting room TV. She's the one who played the title character, Tsubasa. I wound up becoming her fan over the course of all those hospital visits.

Her face usually looks a bit sullen, but I think it's really cute when she smiles.

Apparently, I've always liked girls who look a little sullen. People often tell me that Urabe's face in "X" has been looking scarier recently, so it may be that my own tastes are becoming increasingly apparent as the story's serialization continues.

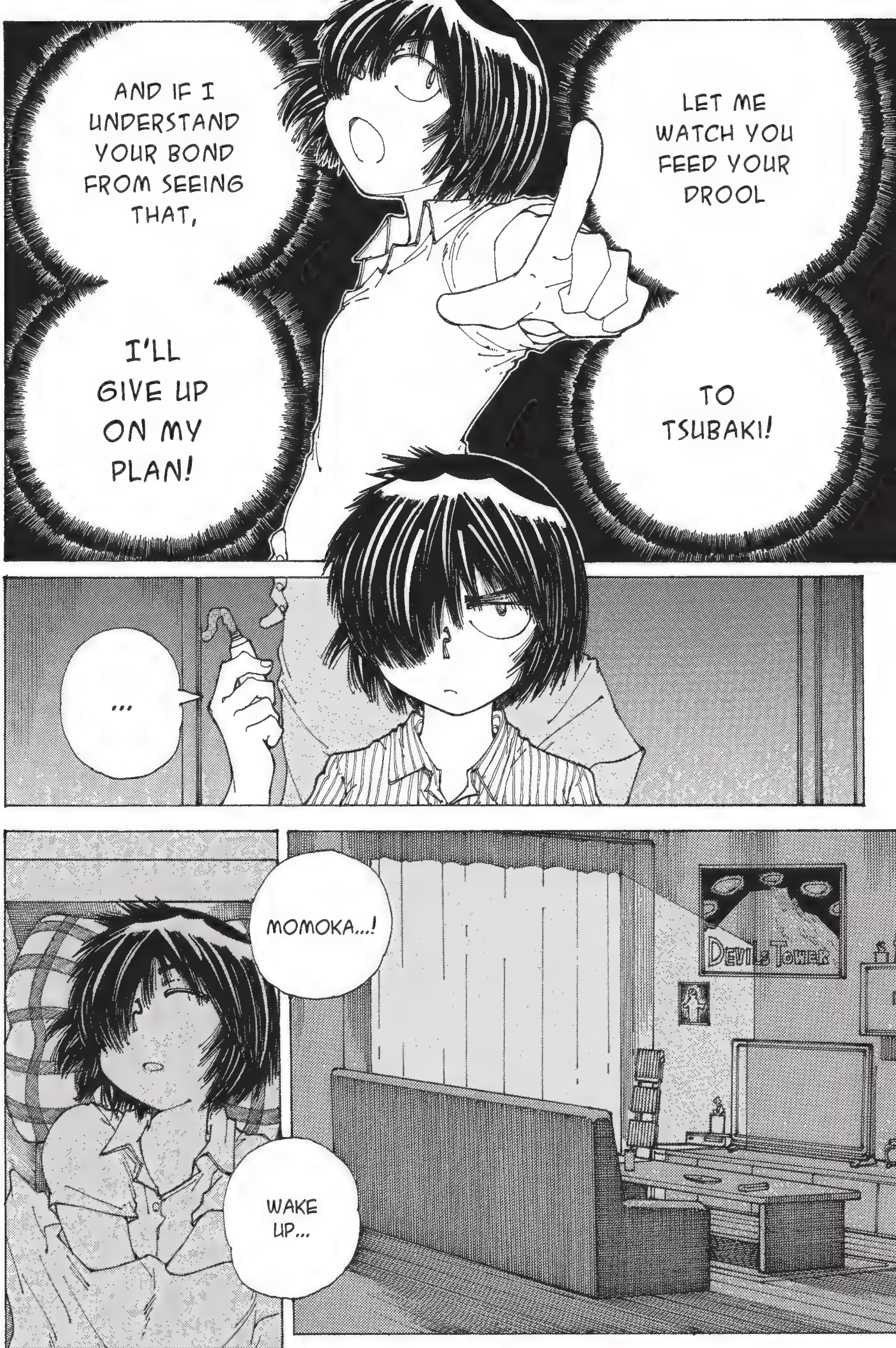
HER PUPILS WERE LARGER WHEN SERIALIZATION FIRST STARTED,
BUT NOW HAVING A LOT OF WHITE SHOWING IS THE DEFAULT.

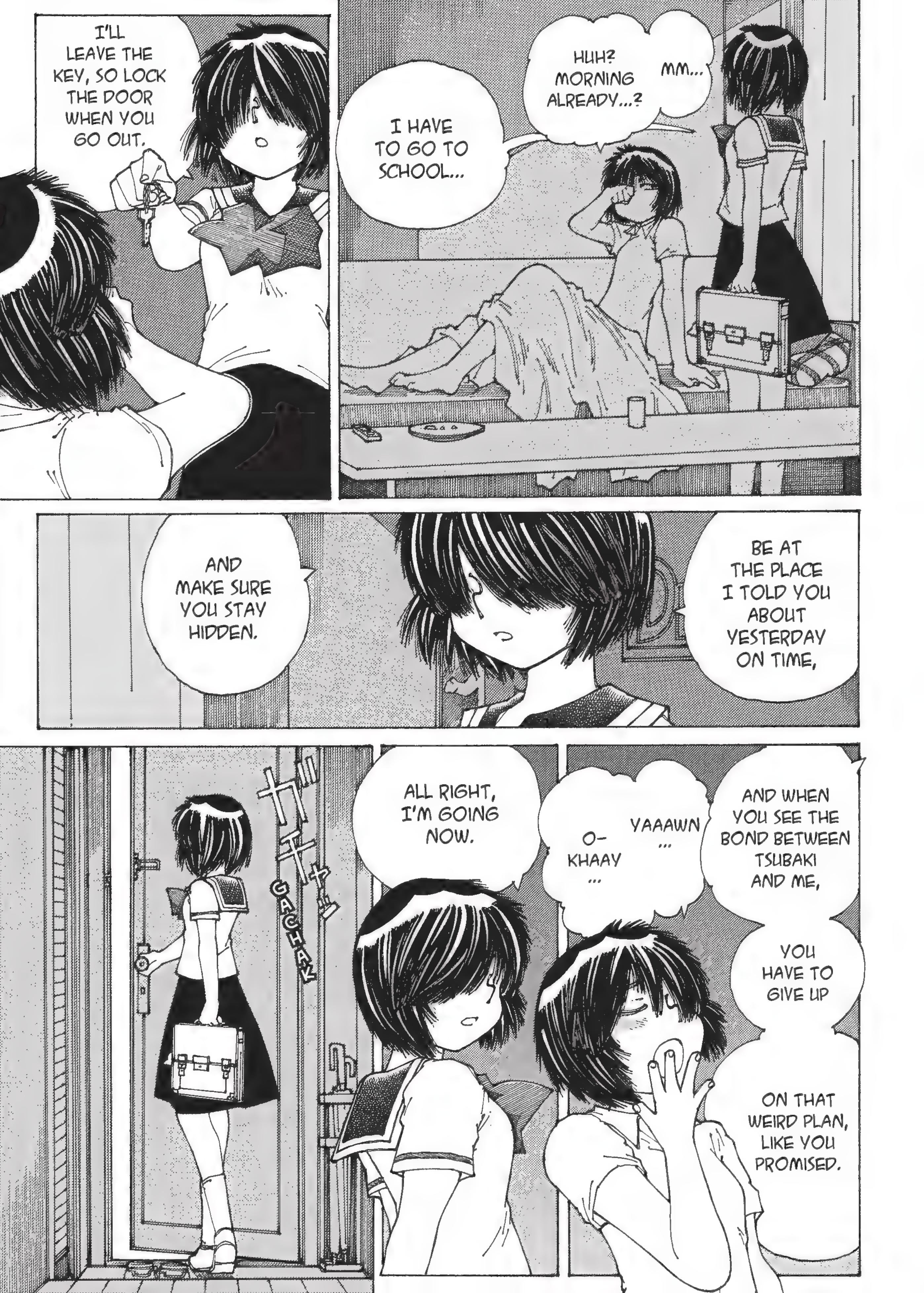
IT DOESN'T NECESSARILY MEAN SHE'S ANGRY!

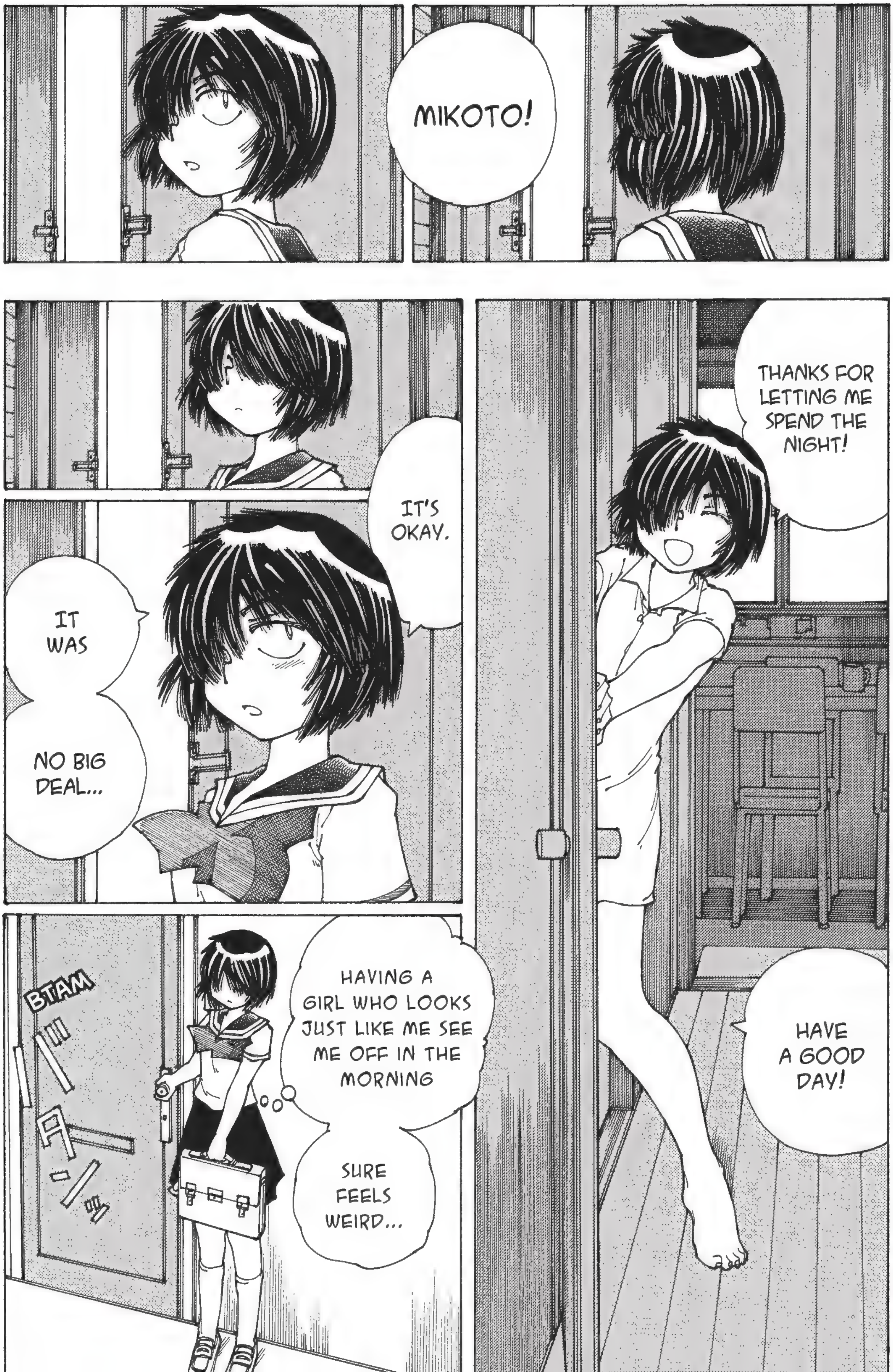
CHAPTER 40: MYSTERIOUS WRITING

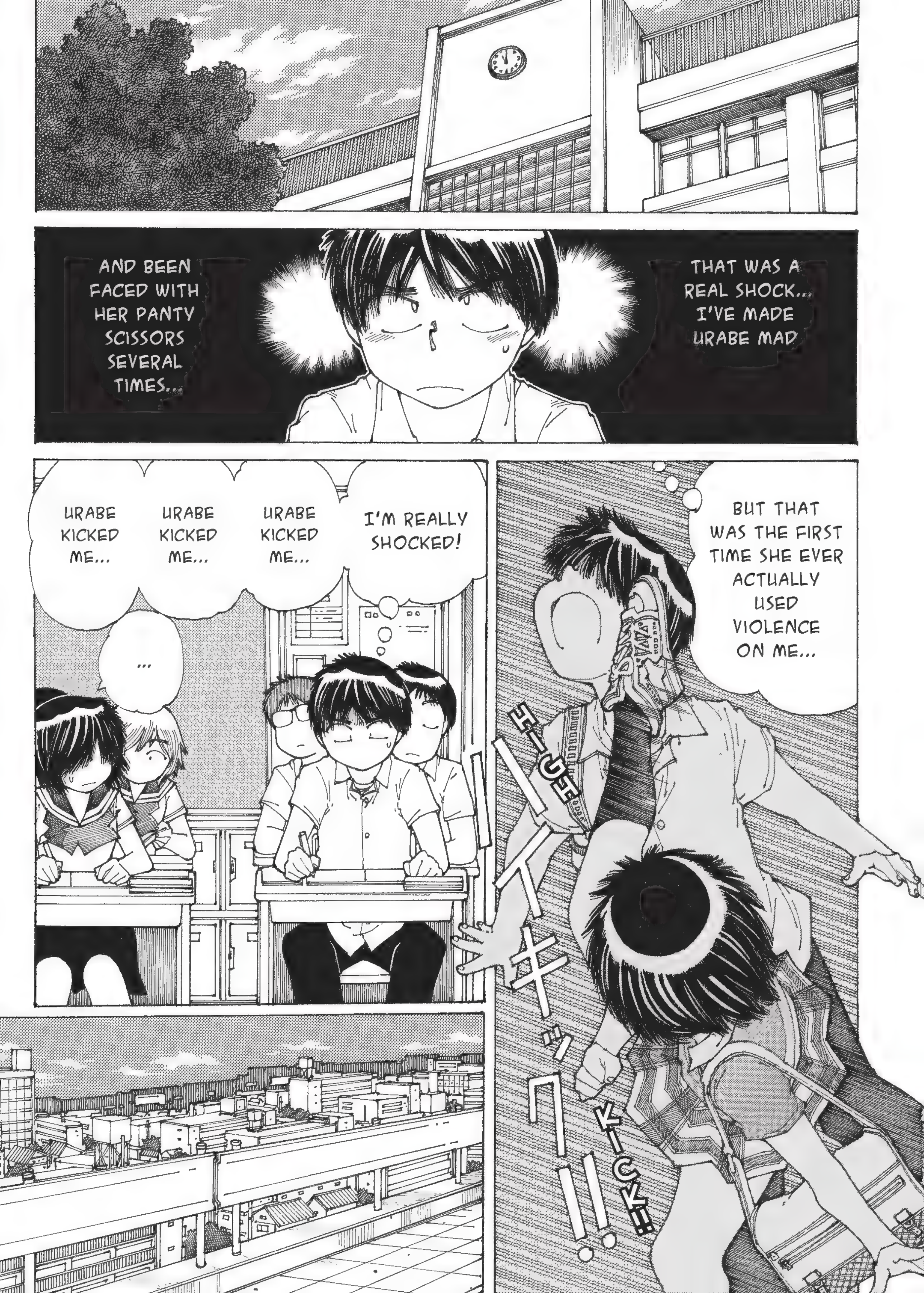
ADAMSKI
KLIK
BLINK

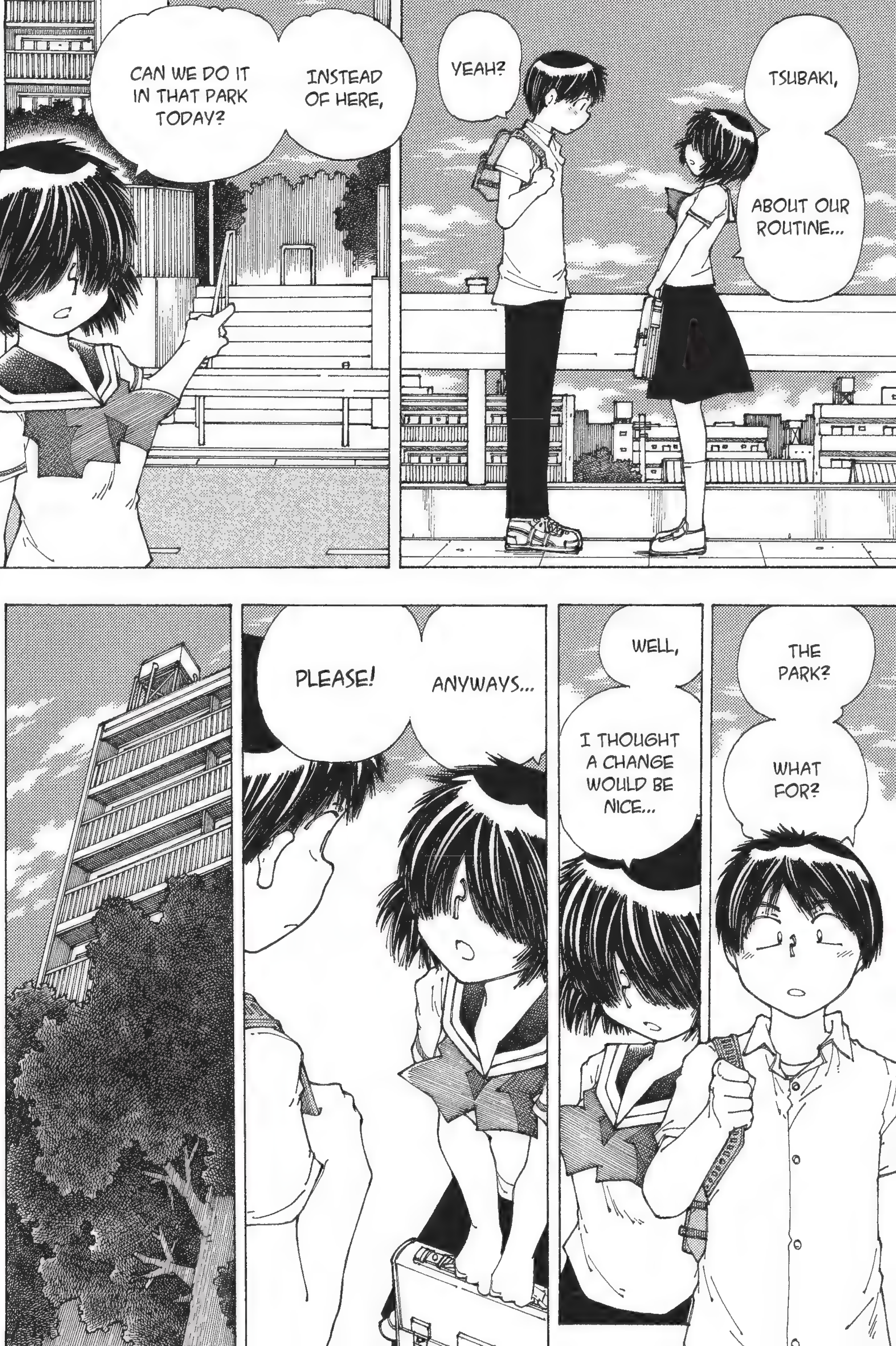
TNK
ACR
COLOR
ACRYL GOUACHE 12
ACRYLIC PAINT
12 COLORS
ACRYL
12 COLORS
SQUIRT

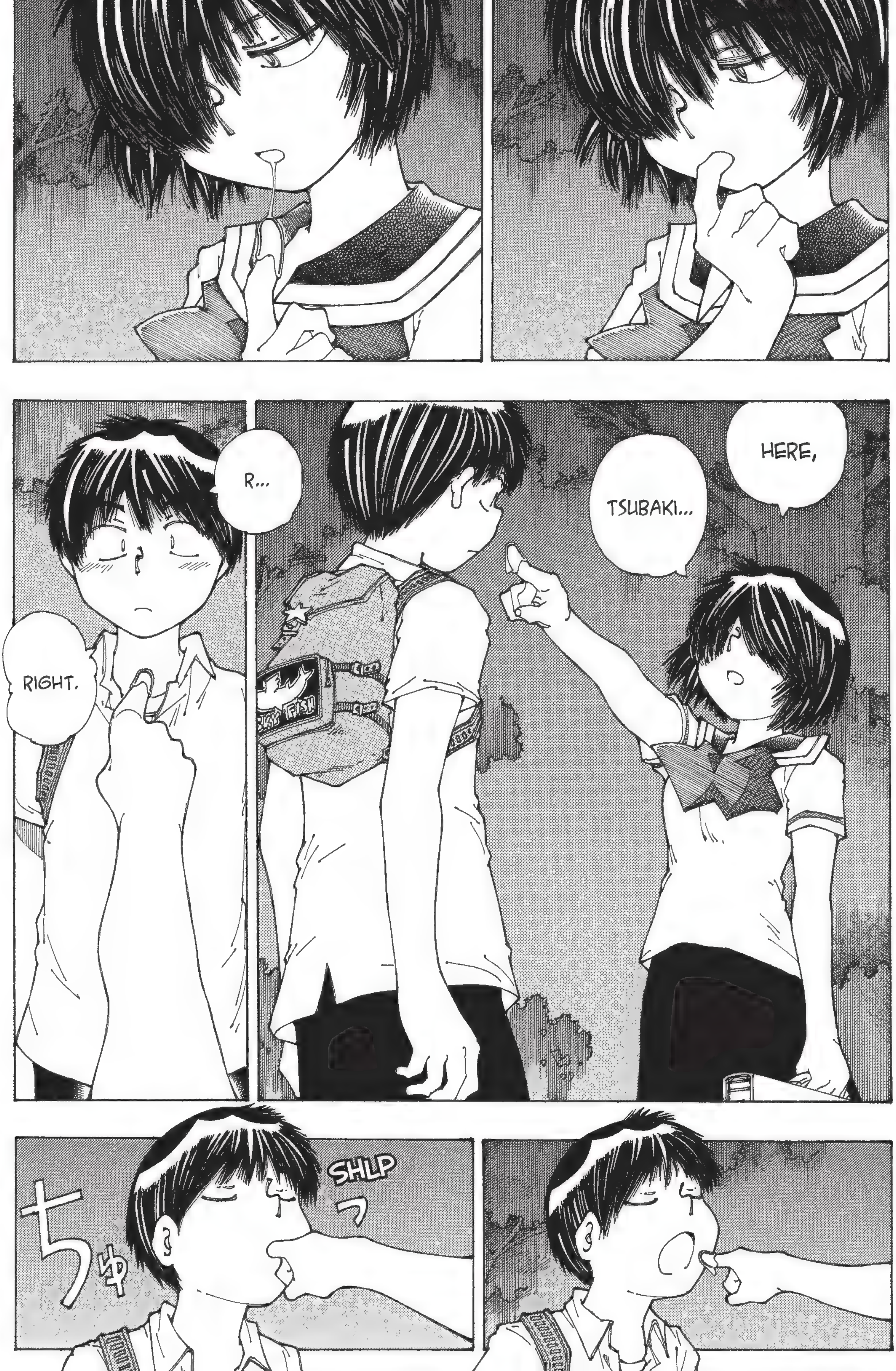

LET ME WATCH YOU FEED YOUR DROOL
TO TSUBAKI!
AND IF I UNDERSTAND YOUR BOND FROM SEEING THAT,
I'LL GIVE UP ON MY PLAN!
...
DEVILS TOWER
MOMOKA...!
WAKE UP...


MM...
HUH? MORNING ALREADY...?
I HAVE TO GO TO SCHOOL...
I'LL LEAVE THE KEY, SO LOCK THE DOOR WHEN YOU GO OUT.
BE AT THE PLACE I TOLD YOU ABOUT YESTERDAY ON TIME,
AND MAKE SURE YOU STAY HIDDEN.
AND WHEN YOU SEE THE BOND BETWEEN TSUBAKI AND ME,
YOU HAVE TO GIVE UP
ON THAT WEIRD PLAN, LIKE YOU PROMISED.
YAAAWN...
O-KHAAY...
ALL RIGHT, I'M GOING NOW.
ガチャ
GACHAK


MIKOTO!
THANKS FOR LETTING ME SPEND THE NIGHT!
IT'S OKAY.
IT WAS
NO BIG DEAL...
HAVE A GOOD DAY!
BTAM
HAVING A GIRL WHO LOOKS JUST LIKE ME SEE ME OFF IN THE MORNING
SURE FEELS WEIRD...


THAT WAS A REAL SHOCK... I'VE MADE URABE MAD
AND BEEN FACED WITH HER PANTY SCISSORS SEVERAL TIMES...
BUT THAT WAS THE FIRST TIME SHE EVER ACTUALLY USED VIOLENCE ON ME...
ハイキック!!
HIGH KICK!
I'M REALLY SHOCKED!
URABE KICKED ME...
URABE KICKED ME...
URABE KICKED ME...
...


TSUBAKI,
ABOUT OUR ROUTINE...
YEAH?
INSTEAD OF HERE,
CAN WE DO IT IN THAT PARK TODAY?
THE PARK?
WHAT FOR?
WELL,
I THOUGHT A CHANGE WOULD BE NICE...
ANYWAYS...
PLEASE!


HERE,
TSUBAKI...
R...
RIGHT.
SHLP
ちゅ
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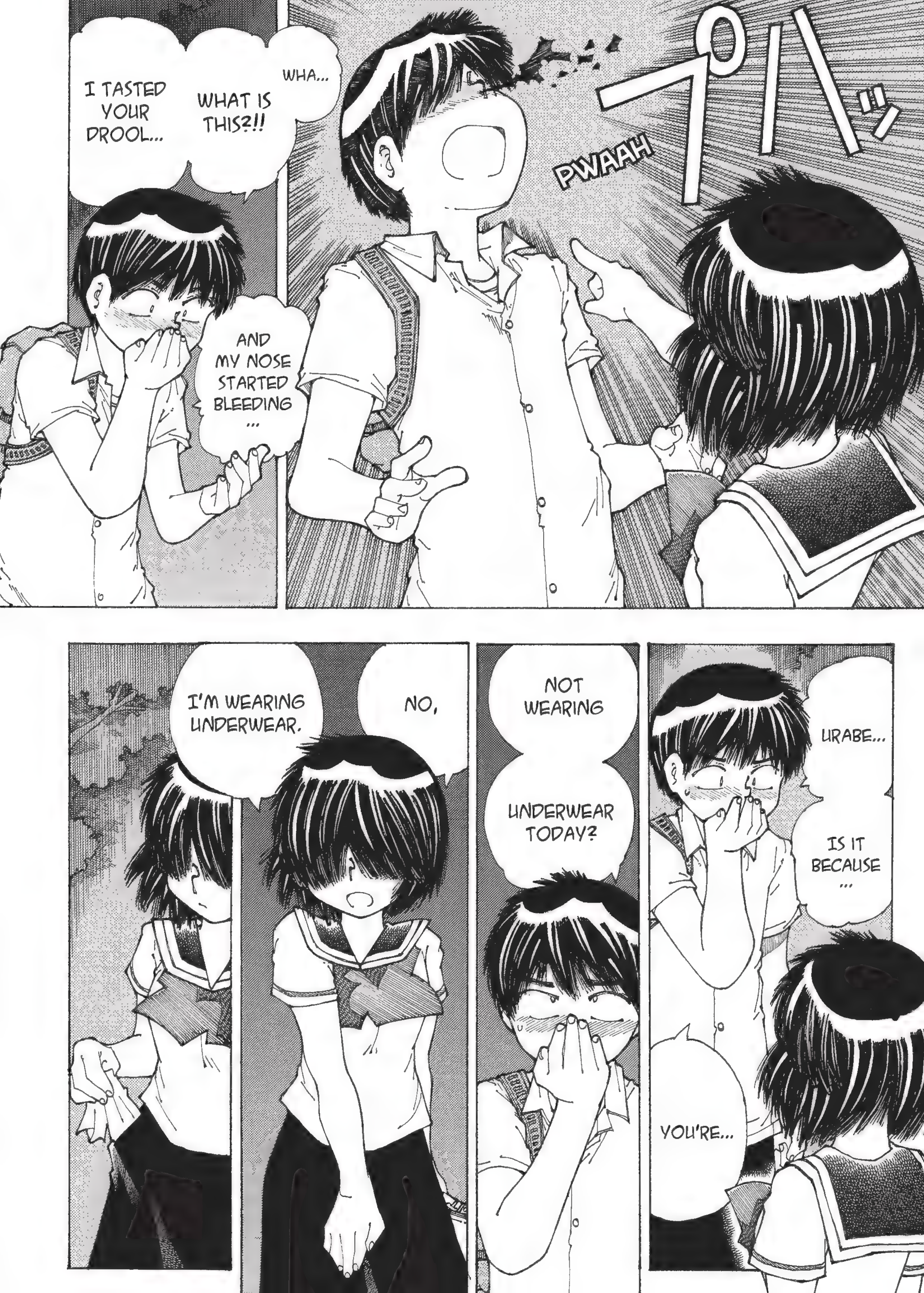
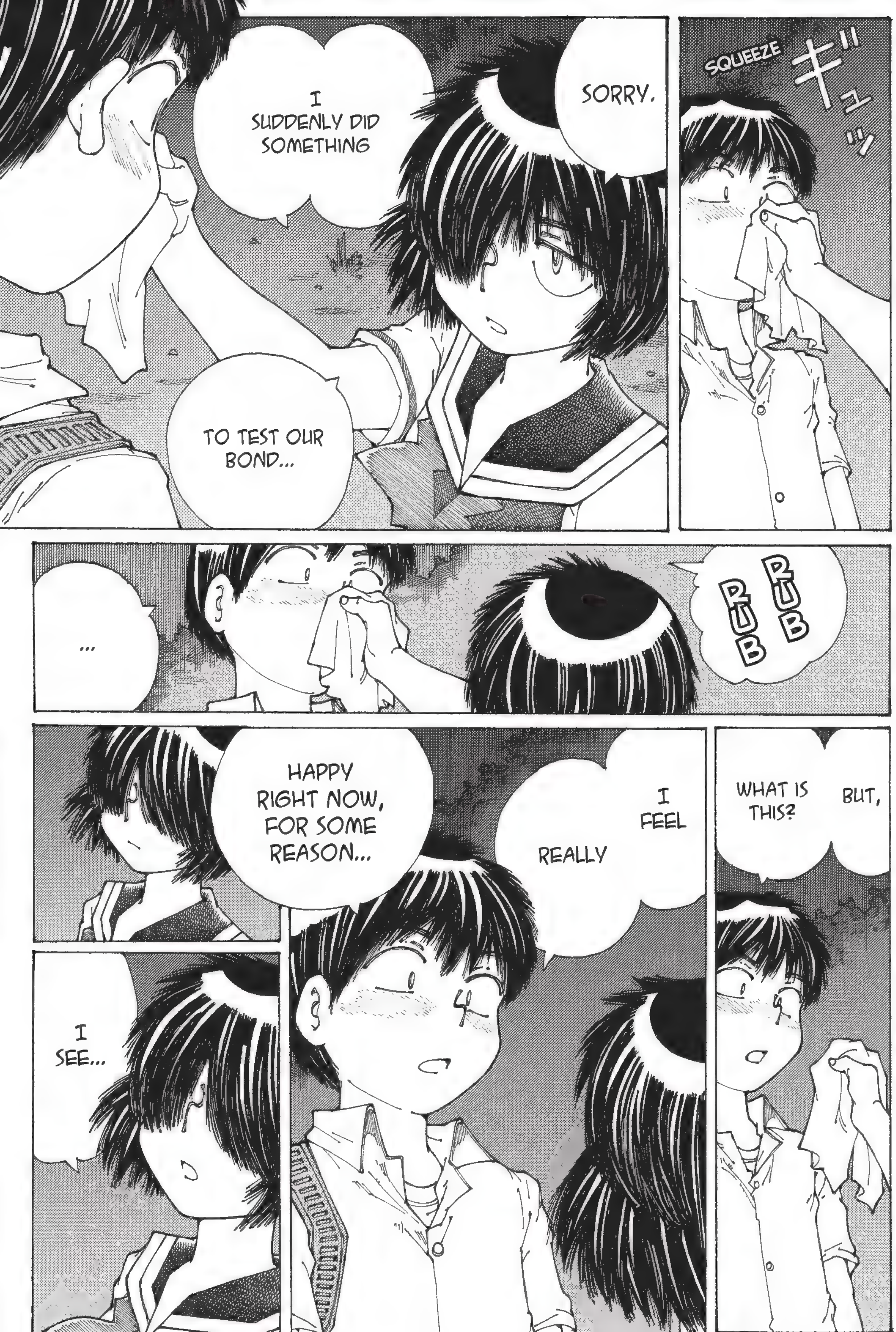
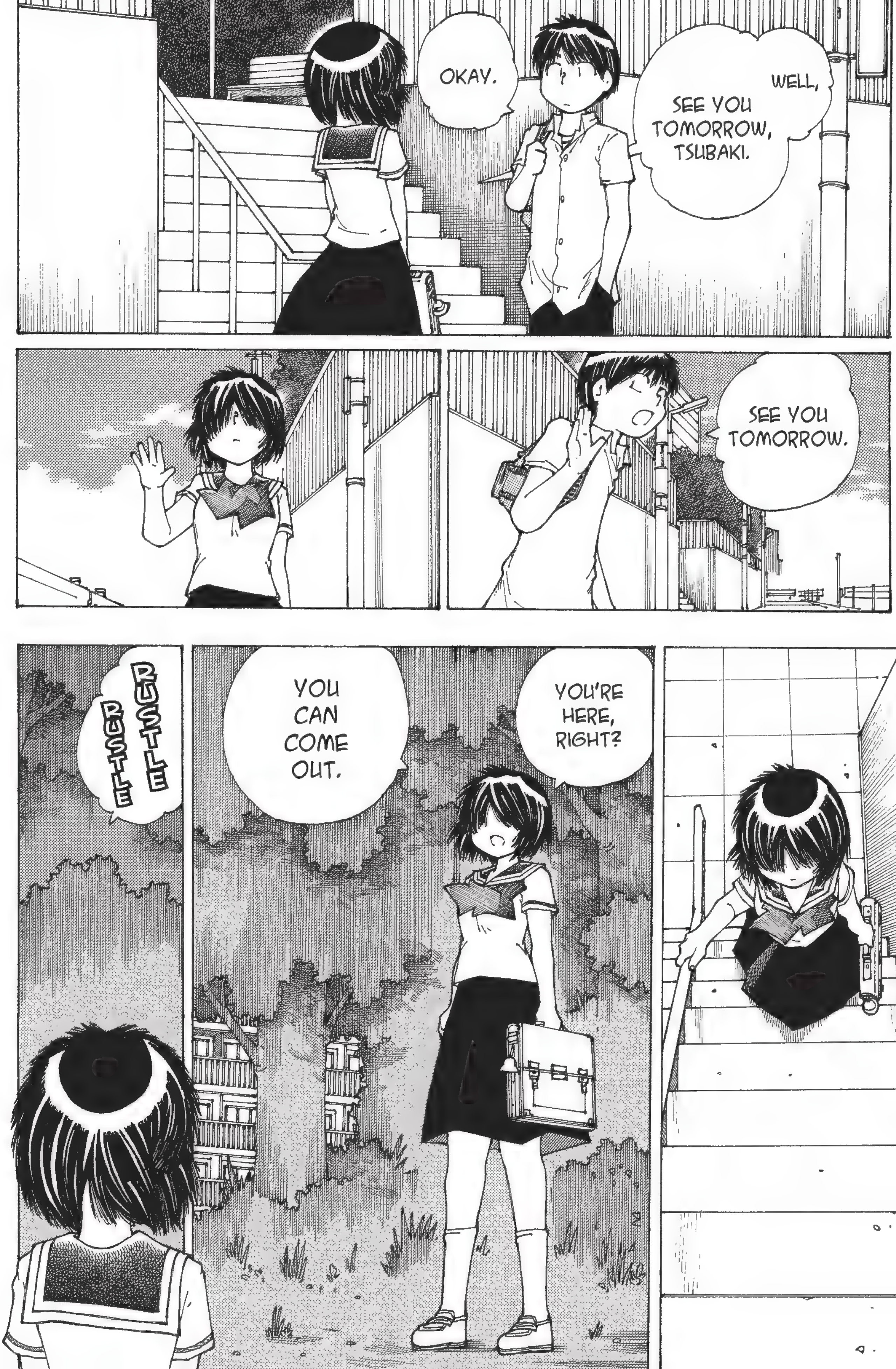
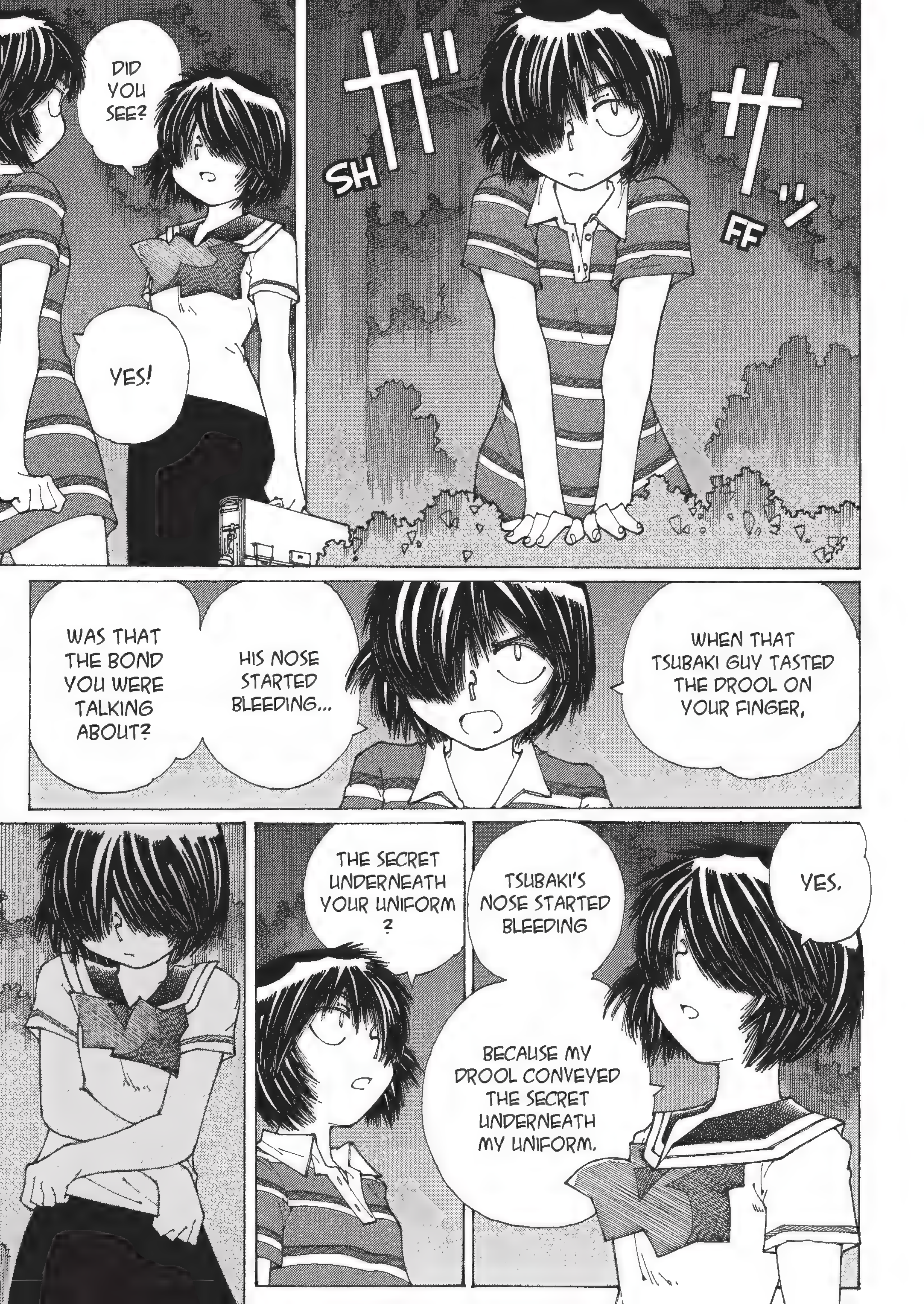

プハッ
PWAAH
WHA...
WHAT IS THIS?!!
I TASTED YOUR DROOL...
AND MY NOSE STARTED BLEEDING ...
URABE...
IS IT BECAUSE ...
YOU'RE...
NOT WEARING
UNDERWEAR TODAY?
NO,
I'M WEARING UNDERWEAR.


SQUEEZE
ギュッ
SORRY.
I SUDDENLY DID SOMETHING
TO TEST OUR BOND...
RUB RUB
...
BUT,
WHAT IS THIS?
I FEEL
REALLY
HAPPY RIGHT NOW, FOR SOME REASON...
I SEE...


WELL, SEE YOU TOMORROW, TSUBAKI.
OKAY.
SEE YOU TOMORROW.
YOU'RE HERE, RIGHT?
YOU CAN COME OUT.
RUSTLE RUSTLE


SH ガ
サッ FF
DID YOU SEE?
YES!
WHEN THAT TSUBAKI GUY TASTED THE DROOL ON YOUR FINGER,
HIS NOSE STARTED BLEEDING...
WAS THAT THE BOND YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT?
YES.
TSUBAKI'S NOSE STARTED BLEEDING
BECAUSE MY DROOL CONVEYED THE SECRET UNDERNEATH MY UNIFORM.
THE SECRET UNDERNEATH YOUR UNIFORM?

WHIP
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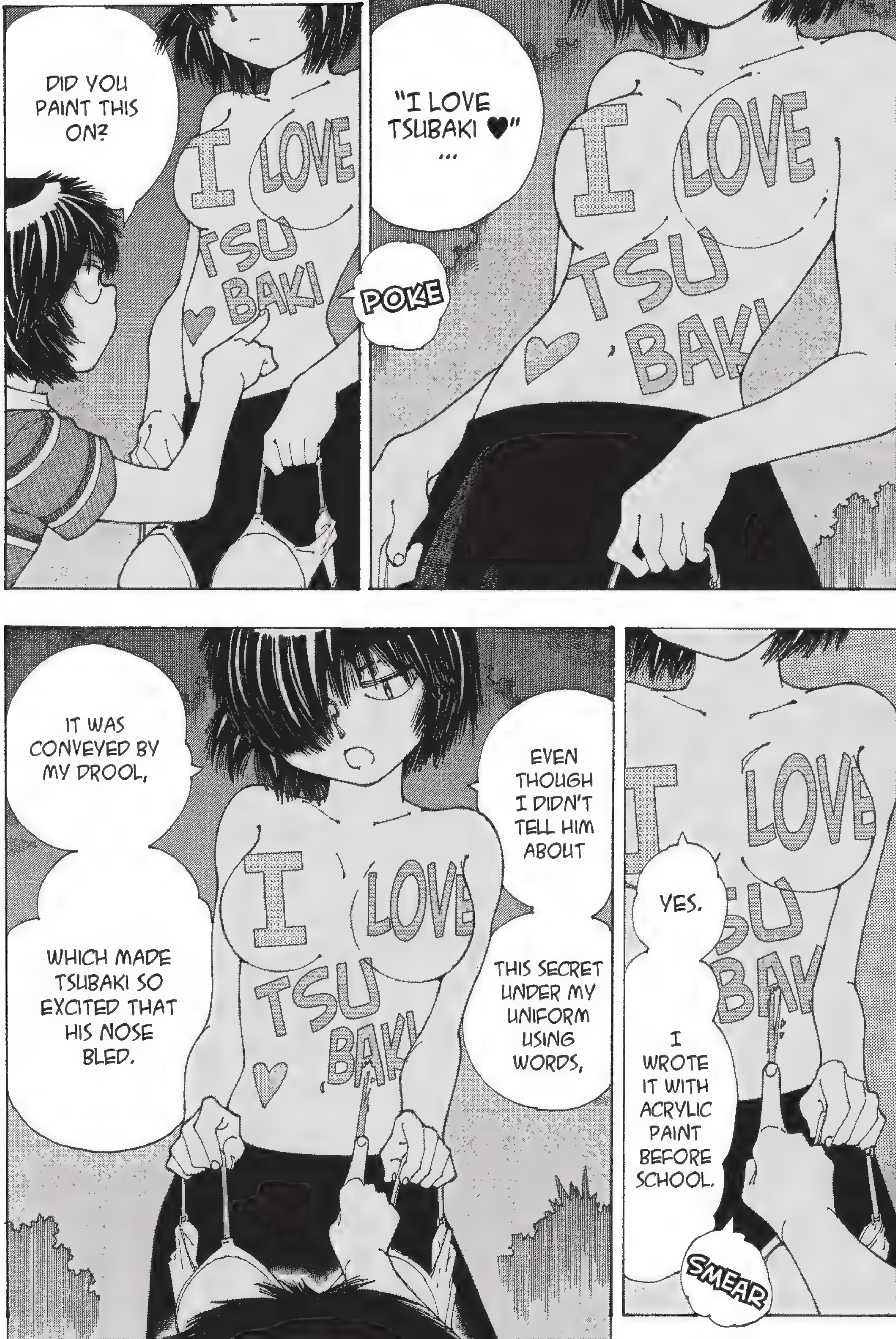
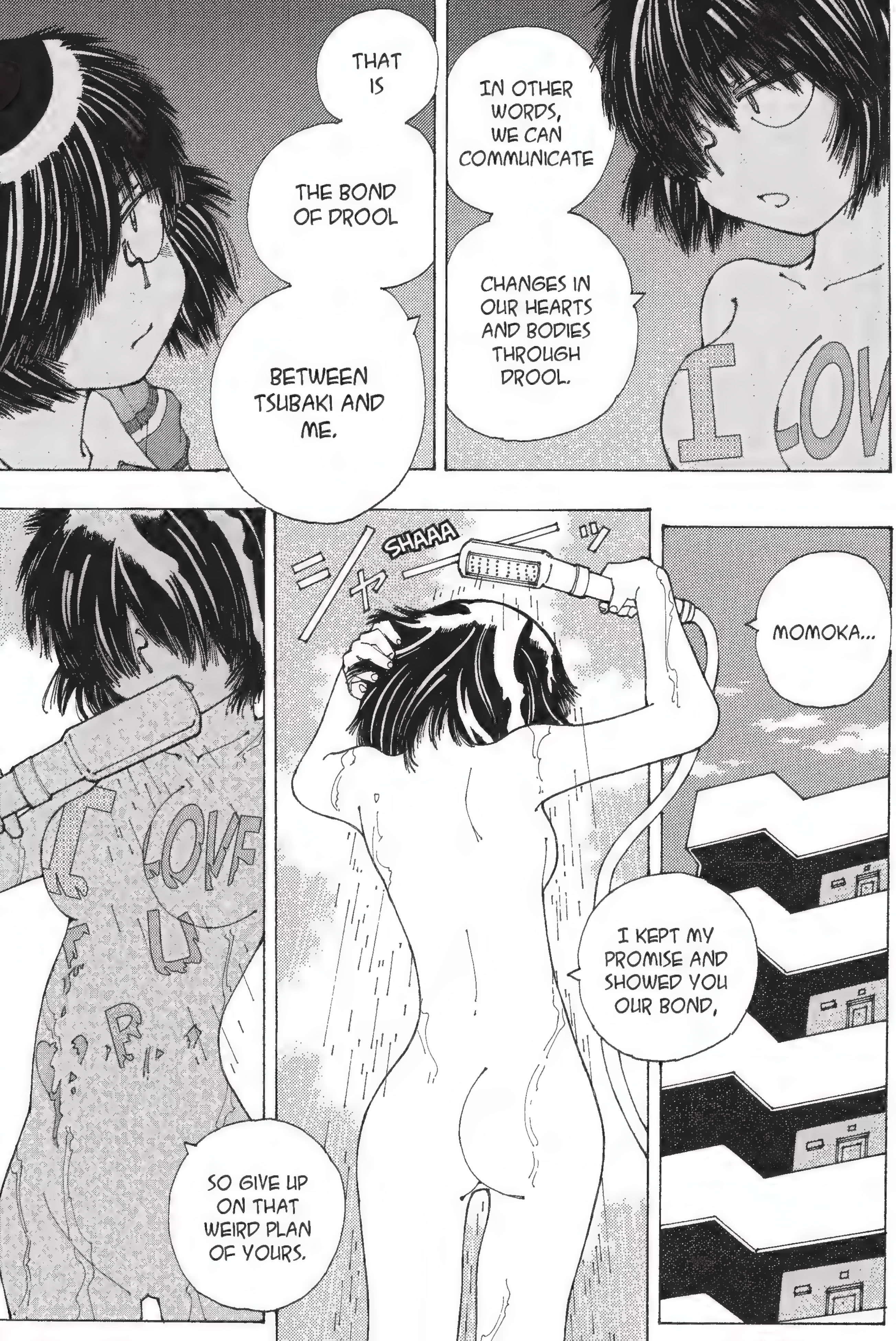
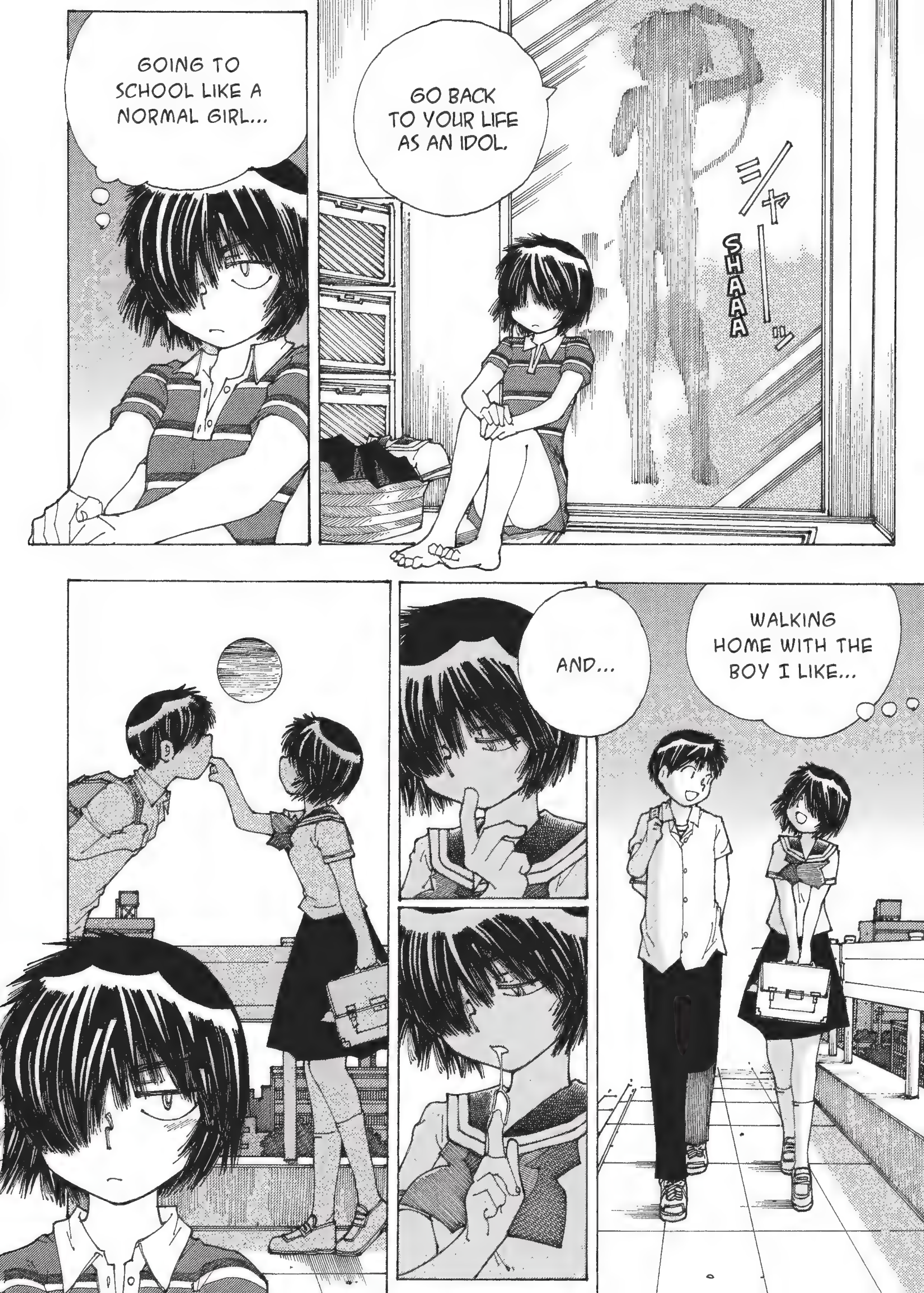
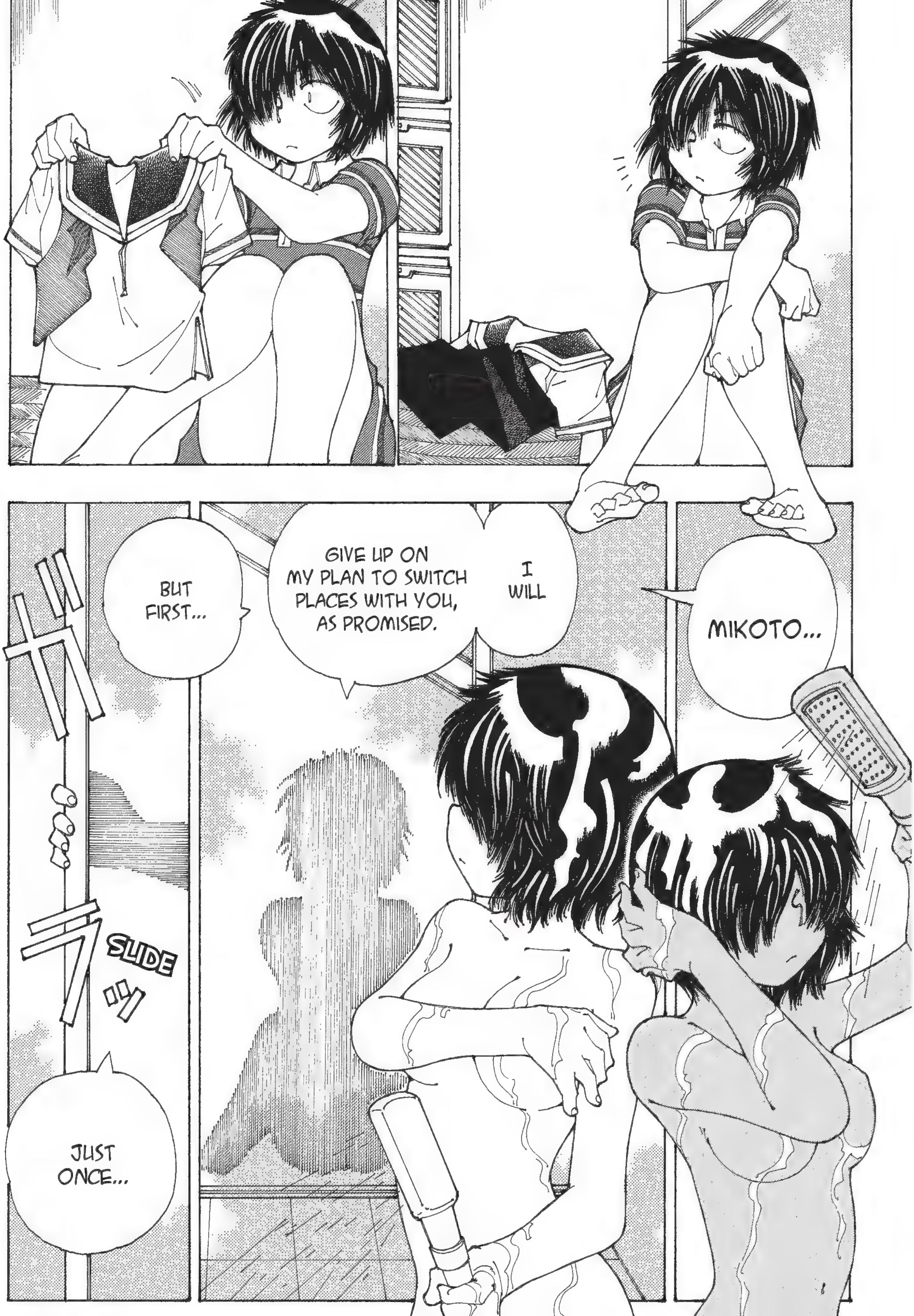
WHA...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
WHY ARE YOU TAKING OFF YOUR...
AH...

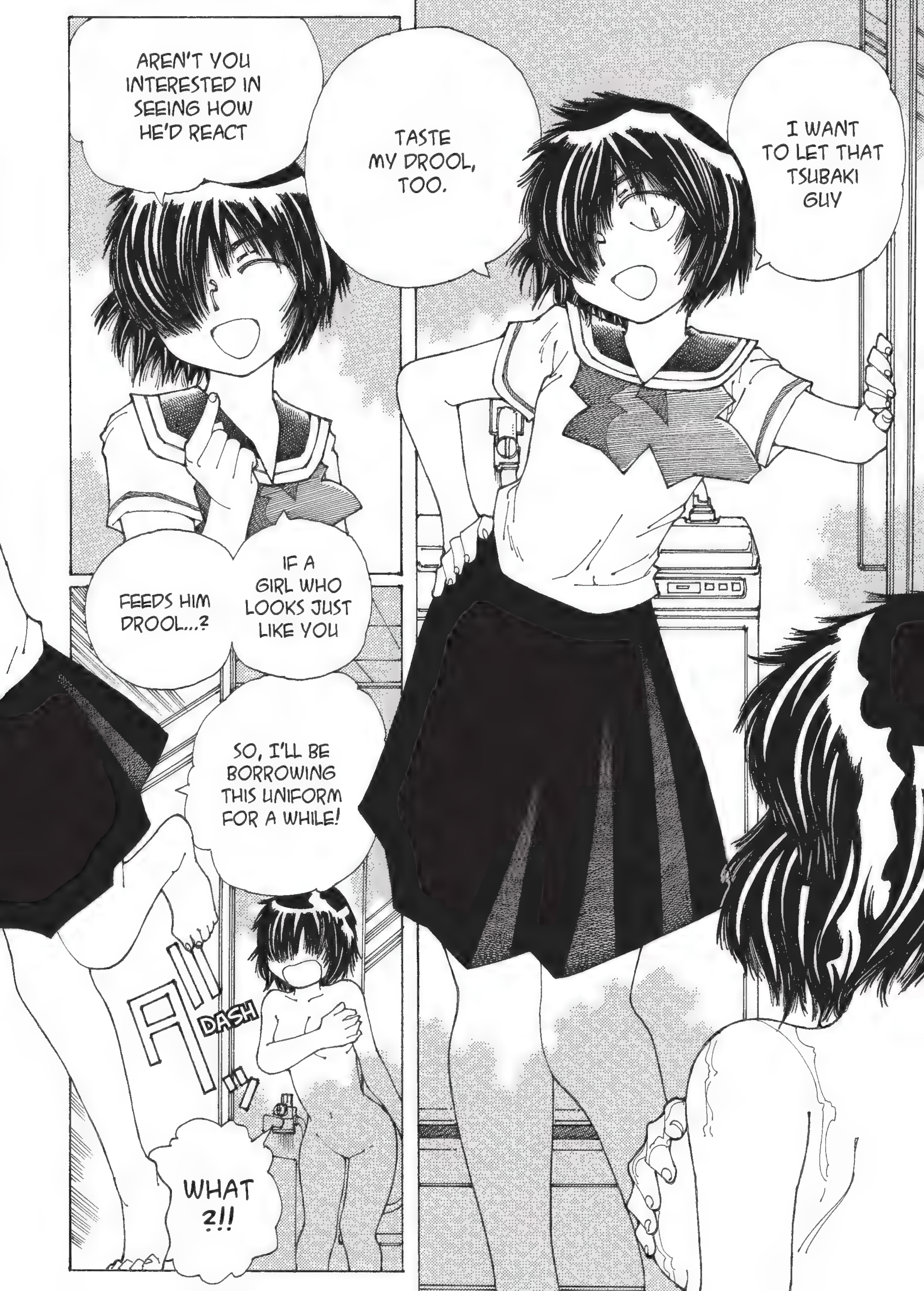
I LOVE
TSU
♥ BAKI ♥

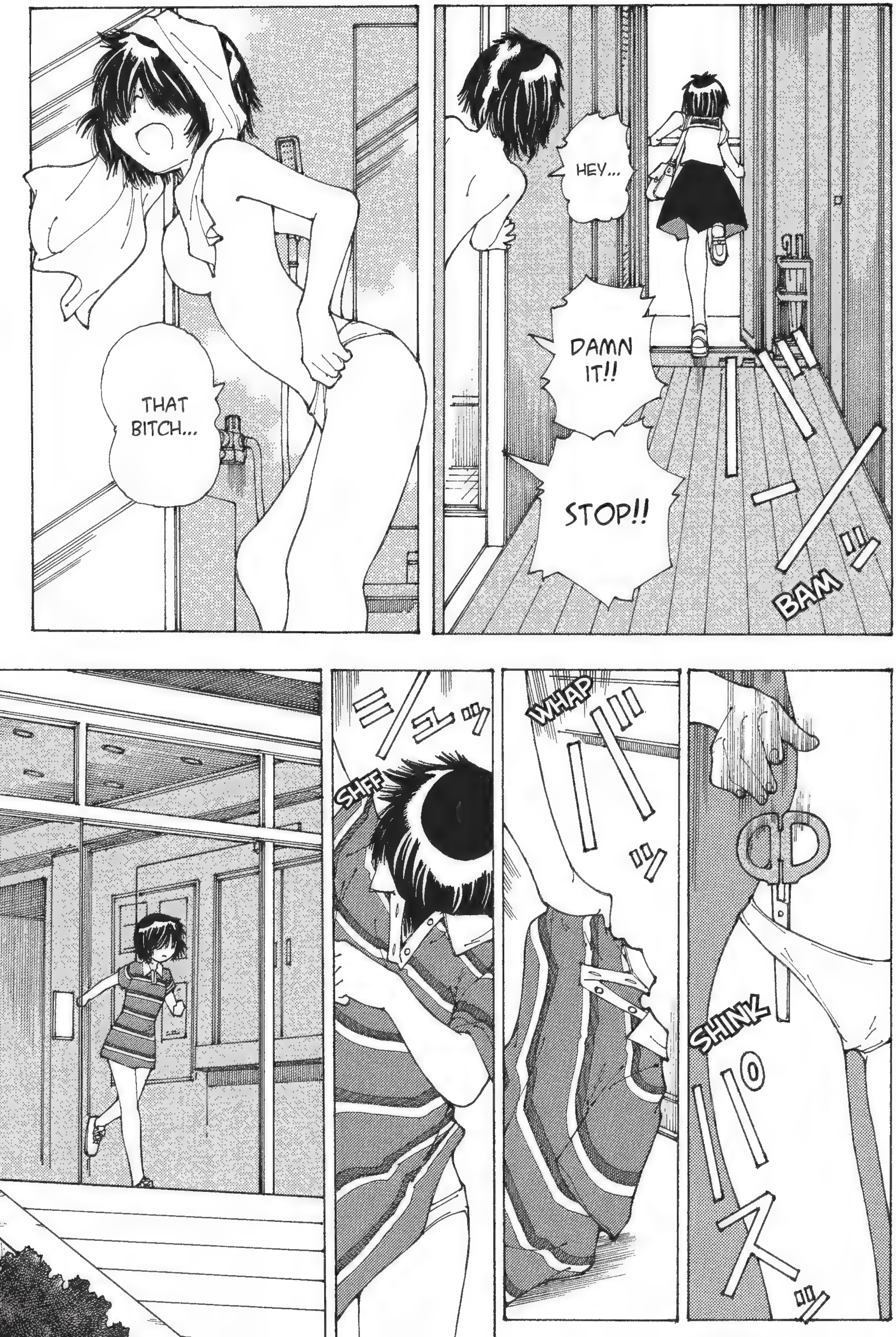

"I LOVE TSUBAKI ♥" ...
POKE
DID YOU PAINT THIS ON?
I LOVE TSUBAKI ♥
YES.
I WROTE IT WITH ACRYLIC PAINT BEFORE SCHOOL.
SMEAR
EVEN THOUGH I DIDN'T TELL HIM ABOUT
THIS SECRET UNDER MY UNIFORM USING WORDS,
IT WAS CONVEYED BY MY DROOL,
WHICH MADE TSUBAKI SO EXCITED THAT HIS NOSE BLED.


IN OTHER WORDS, WE CAN COMMUNICATE
CHANGES IN OUR HEARTS AND BODIES THROUGH DROOL.
THAT IS
THE BOND OF DROOL
BETWEEN TSUBAKI AND ME.
MOMOKA...
I KEPT MY PROMISE AND SHOWED YOU OUR BOND,
SHAAA
SO GIVE UP ON THAT WEIRD PLAN OF YOURS.

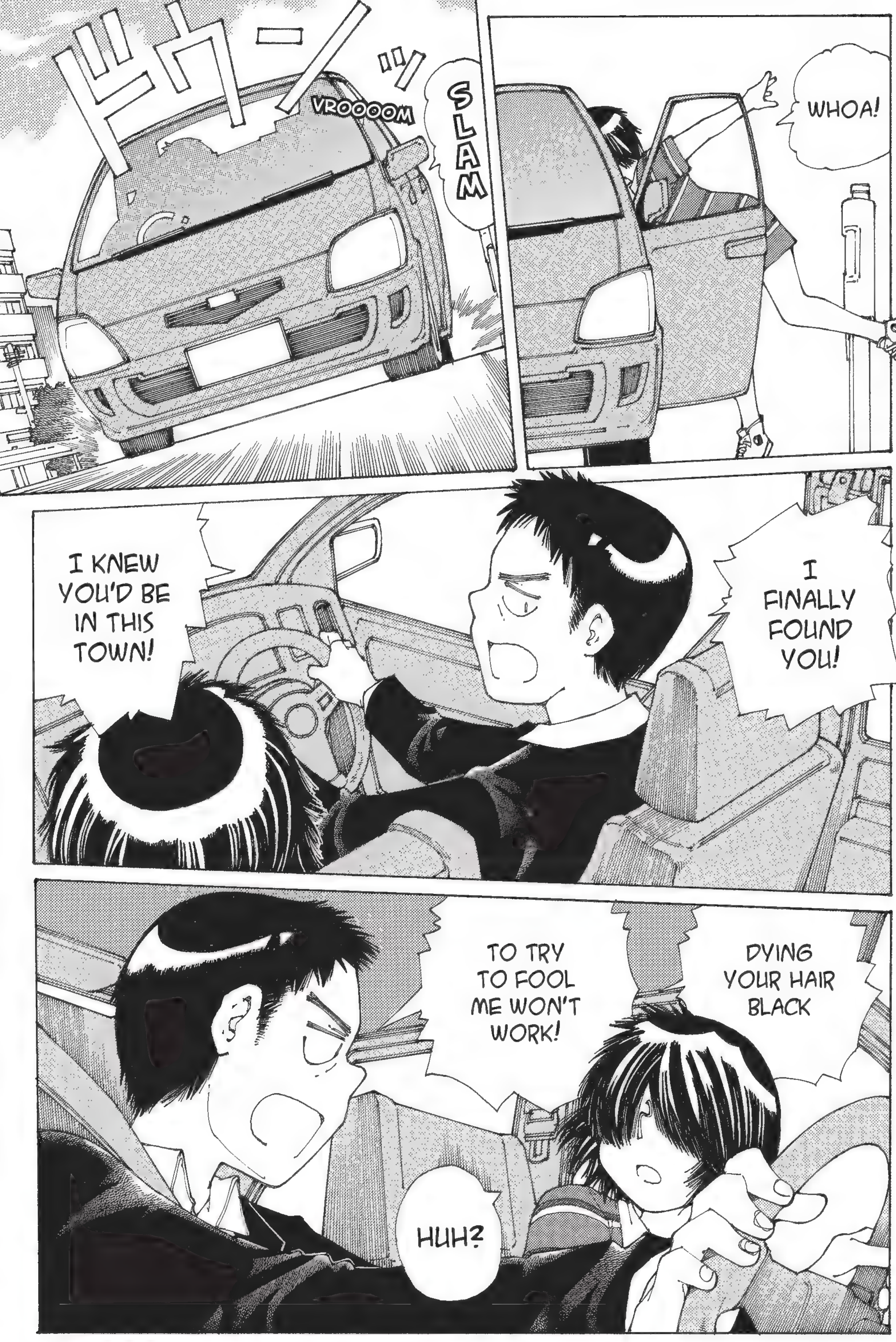

シャーッ
SHAAA
GO BACK TO YOUR LIFE AS AN IDOL.
GOING TO SCHOOL LIKE A NORMAL GIRL...
WALKING HOME WITH THE BOY I LIKE...
AND...

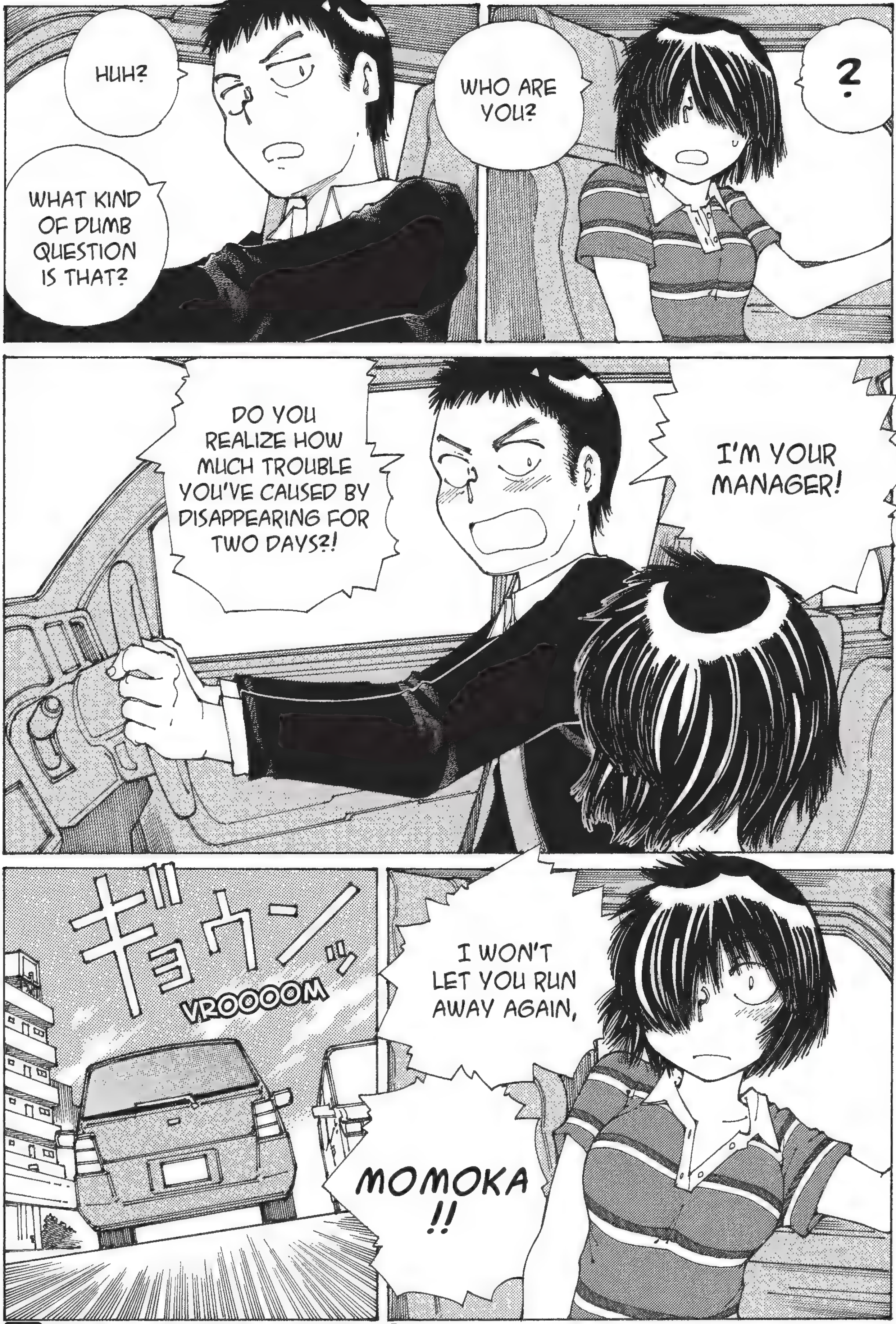

MIKOTO...
I WILL
GIVE UP ON MY PLAN TO SWITCH PLACES WITH YOU, AS PROMISED.
BUT FIRST...
SLIDE
JUST ONCE...


I WANT TO LET THAT TSUBAKI GUY
TASTE MY DROOL, TOO.
AREN'T YOU INTERESTED IN SEEING HOW HE'D REACT
IF A GIRL WHO LOOKS JUST LIKE YOU
FEEDS HIM DROOL...?
SO, I'LL BE BORROWING THIS UNIFORM FOR A WHILE!
DASH
WHAT ?!!


HEY...
DAMN IT!!
STOP!!
BAM
THAT BITCH...
SHINK
WHAP
SHFF

WHERE'D SHE GO?
キョキョキョ
SKREE
EE
EE
キキッ
SKREECH
バタン
BTAM
TUG

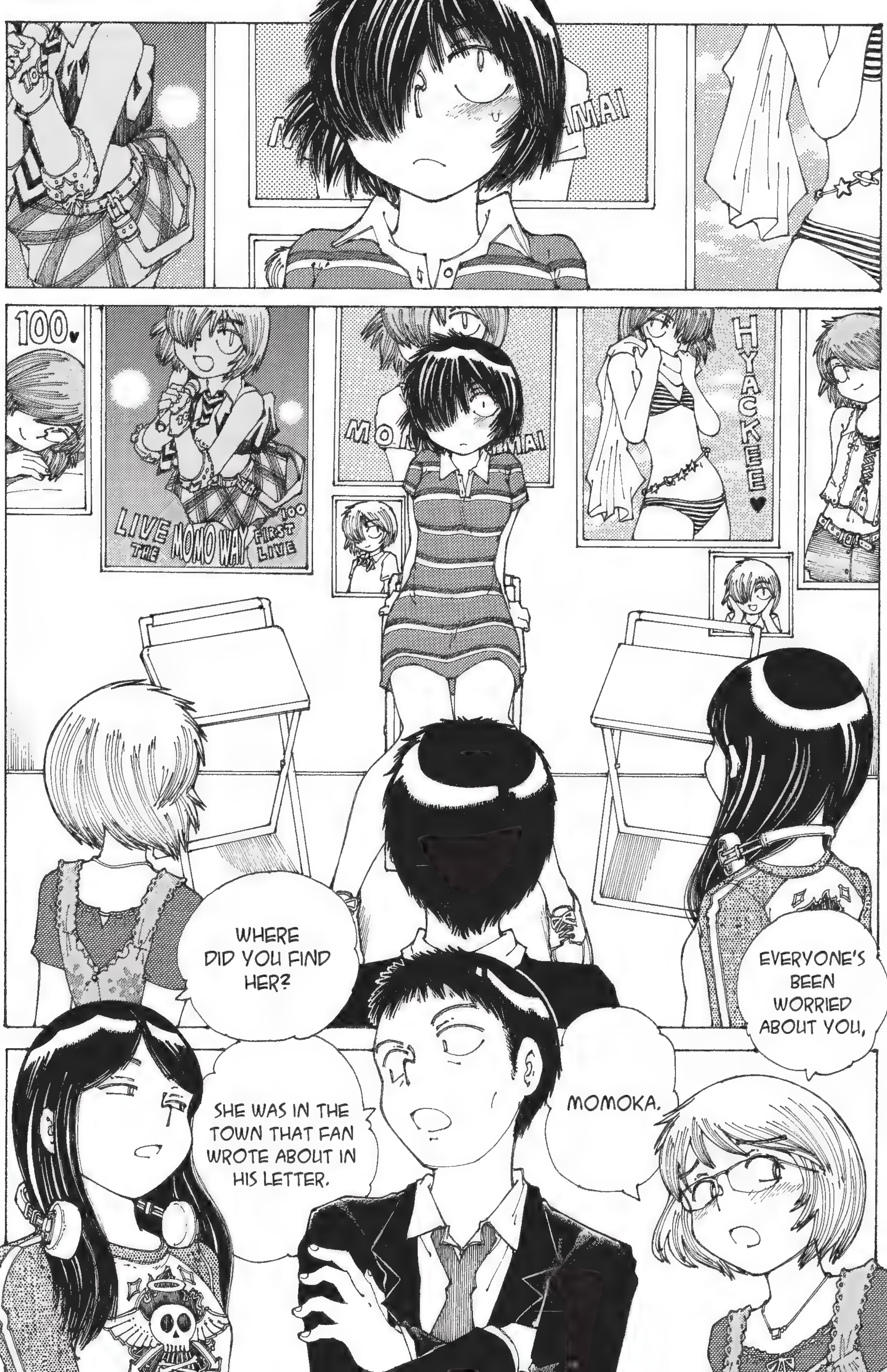

WHOA!
SLAM
VROOOOM
ドゥーッ
I FINALLY FOUND YOU!
I KNEW YOU'D BE IN THIS TOWN!
DYING YOUR HAIR BLACK
TO TRY TO FOOL ME WON'T WORK!
HUH?

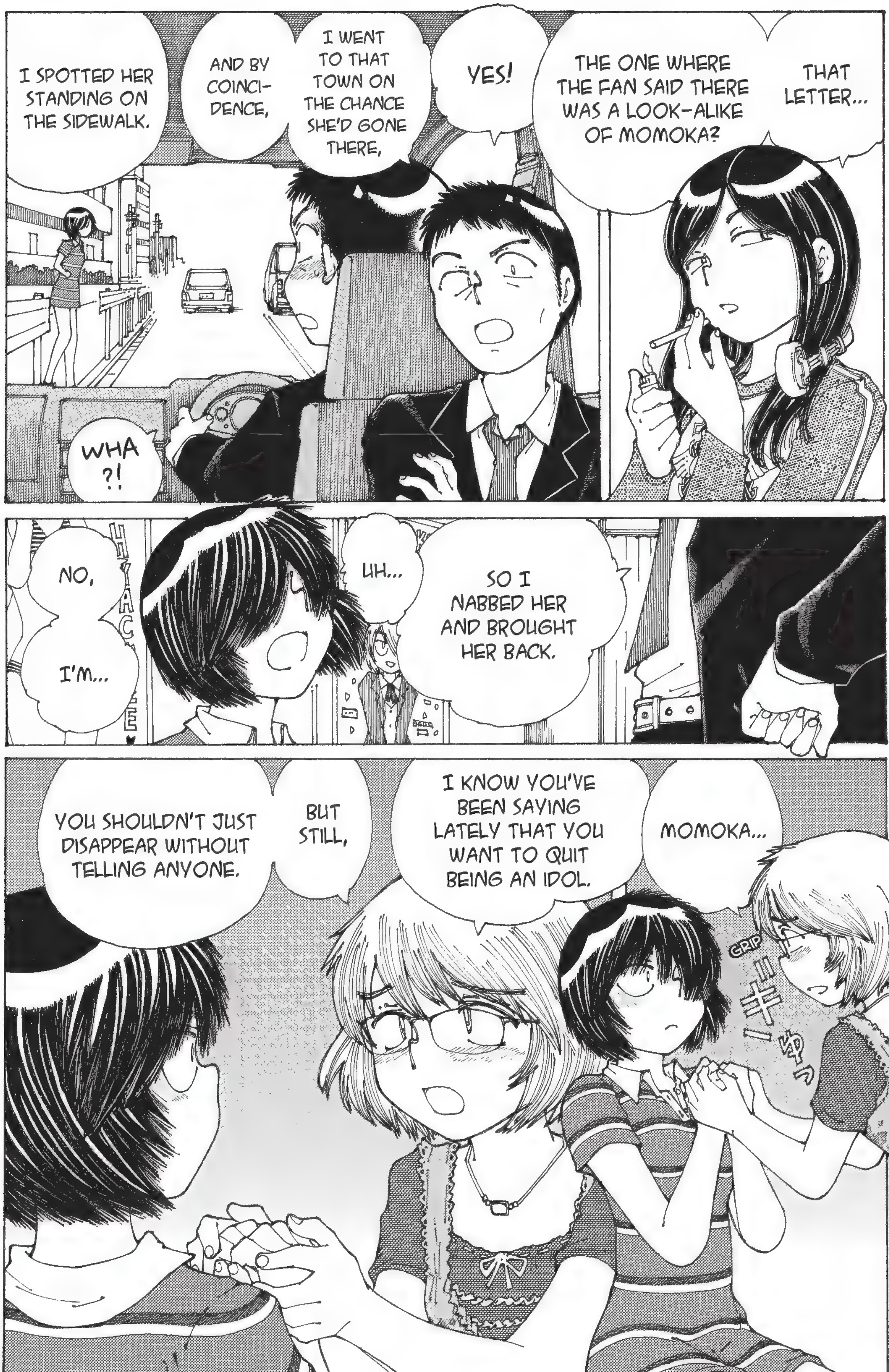

?
WHO ARE YOU?
HUH?
WHAT KIND OF DUMB QUESTION IS THAT?
I'M YOUR MANAGER!
DO YOU REALIZE HOW MUCH TROUBLE YOU'VE CAUSED BY DISAPPEARING FOR TWO DAYS?!
I WON'T LET YOU RUN AWAY AGAIN,
MOMOKA!!
ギョウーンッ
VROOOOM

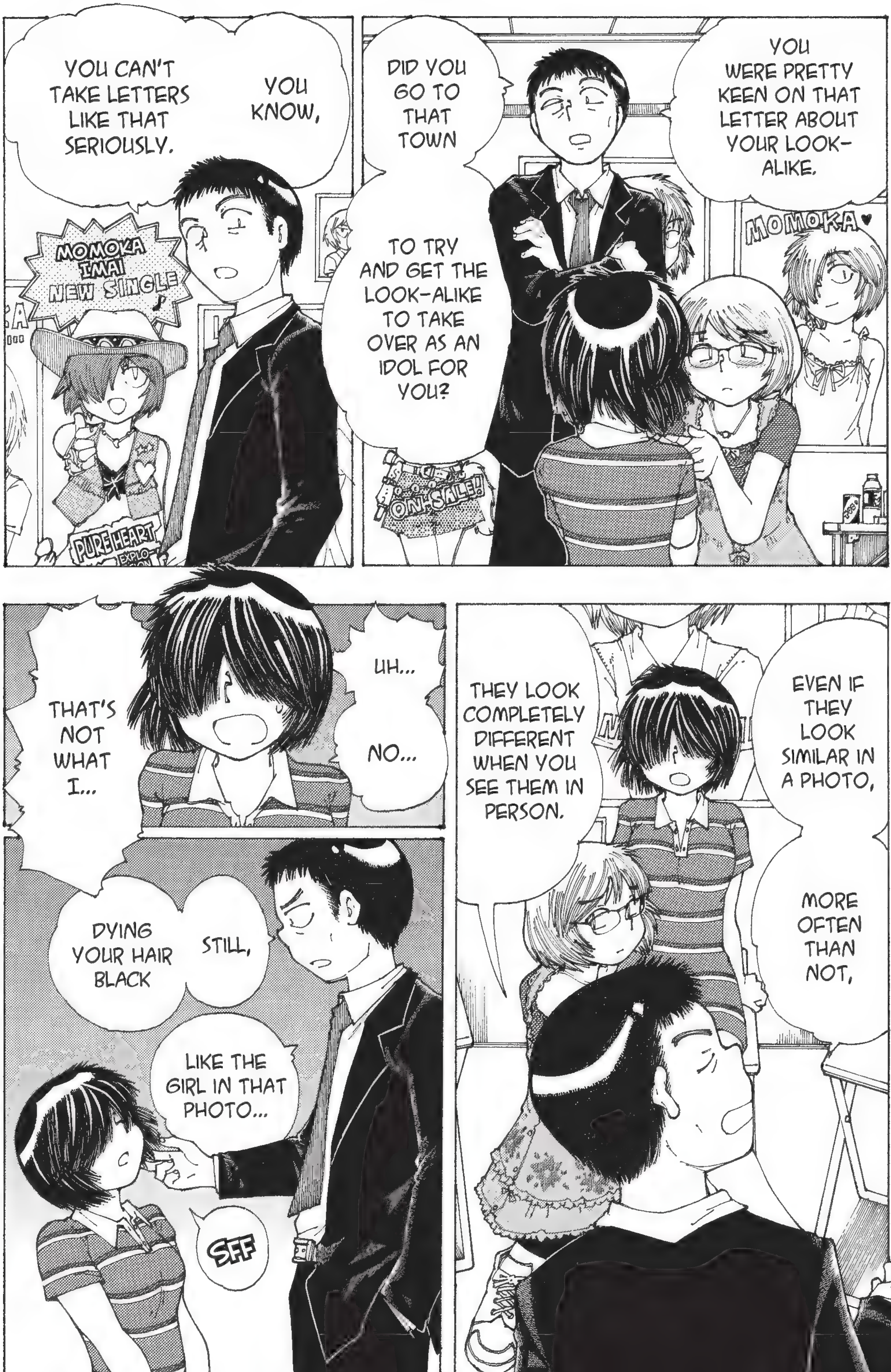
END OF CHAPTER 40

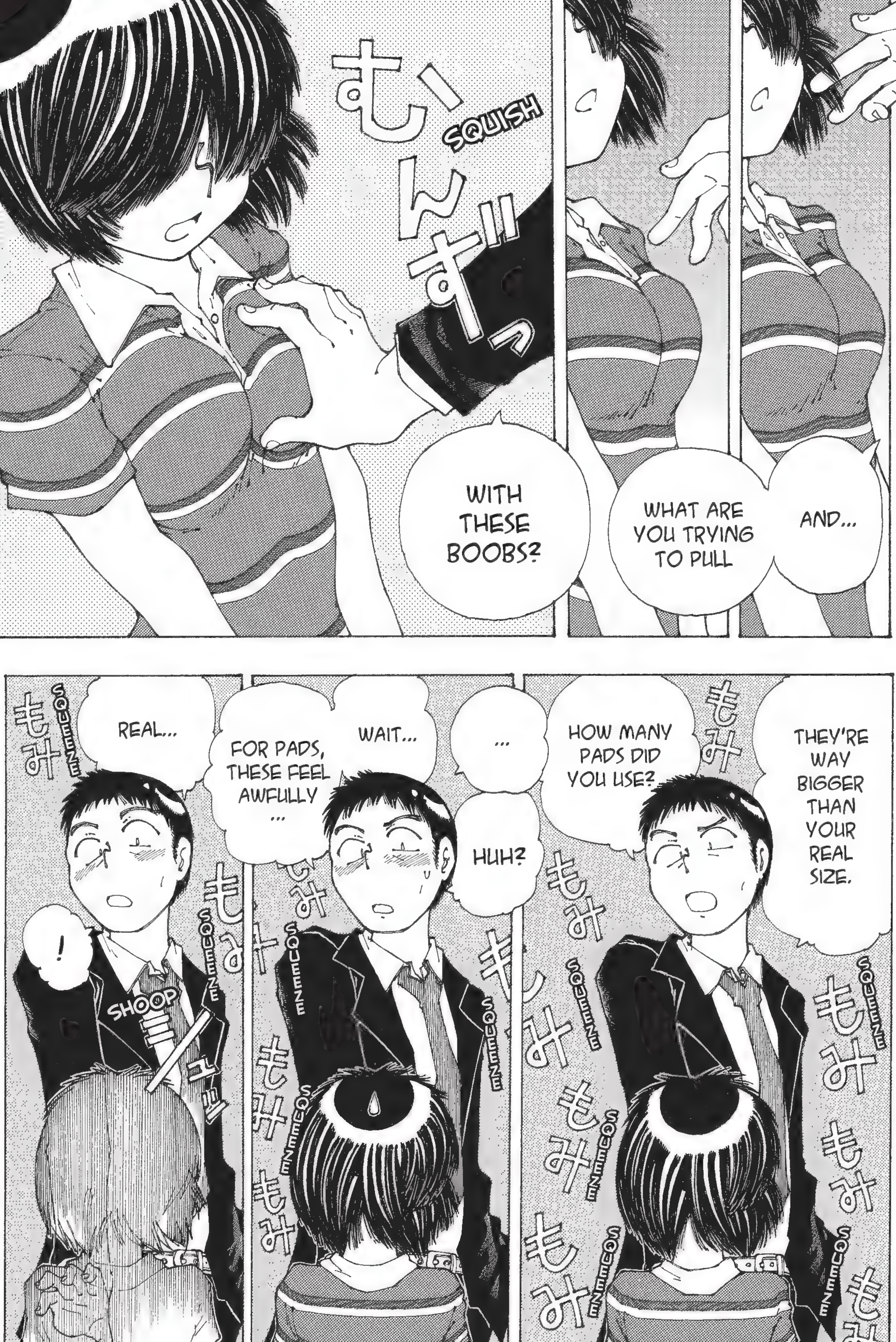
BAD CAT
LOVE
STRIKE

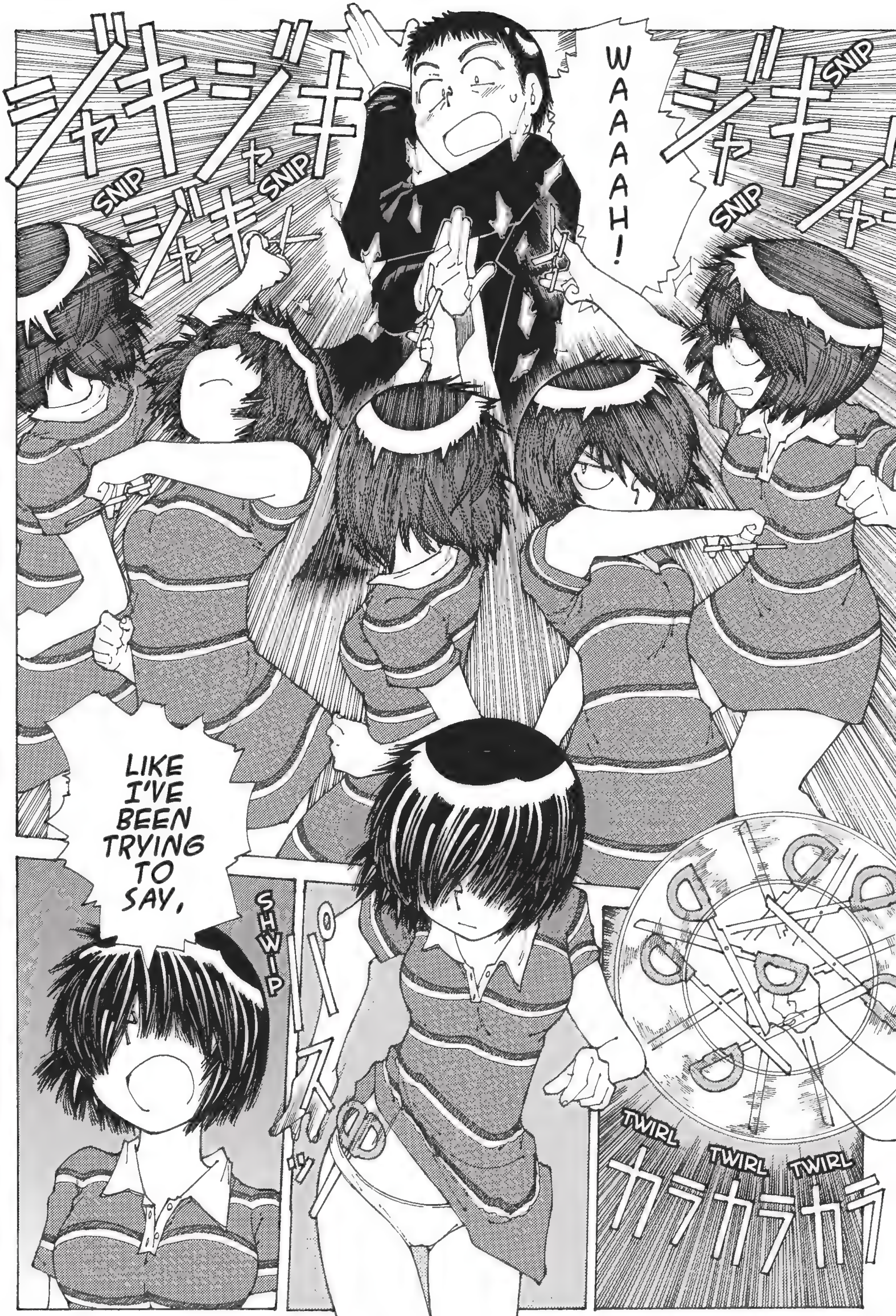
CHAPTER 41: MYSTERIOUS PERFORMANCE

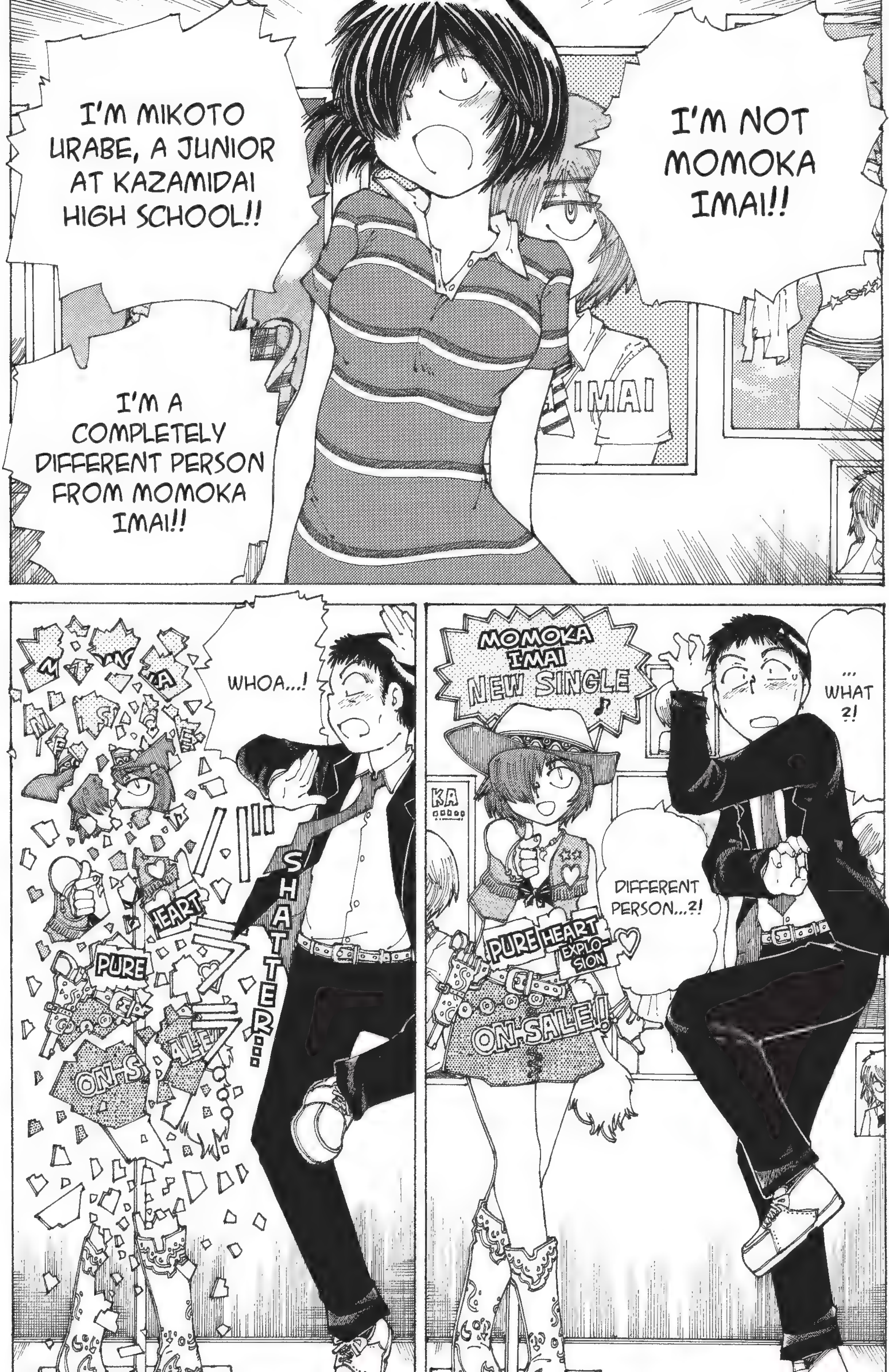

MO MAI
100♥
LIVE THE MOMO WAY 100 FIRST LIVE
MO MAI
HYACKEEE ♥
EVERYONE'S BEEN WORRIED ABOUT YOU,
MOMOKA.
WHERE DID YOU FIND HER?
SHE WAS IN THE TOWN THAT FAN WROTE ABOUT IN HIS LETTER.

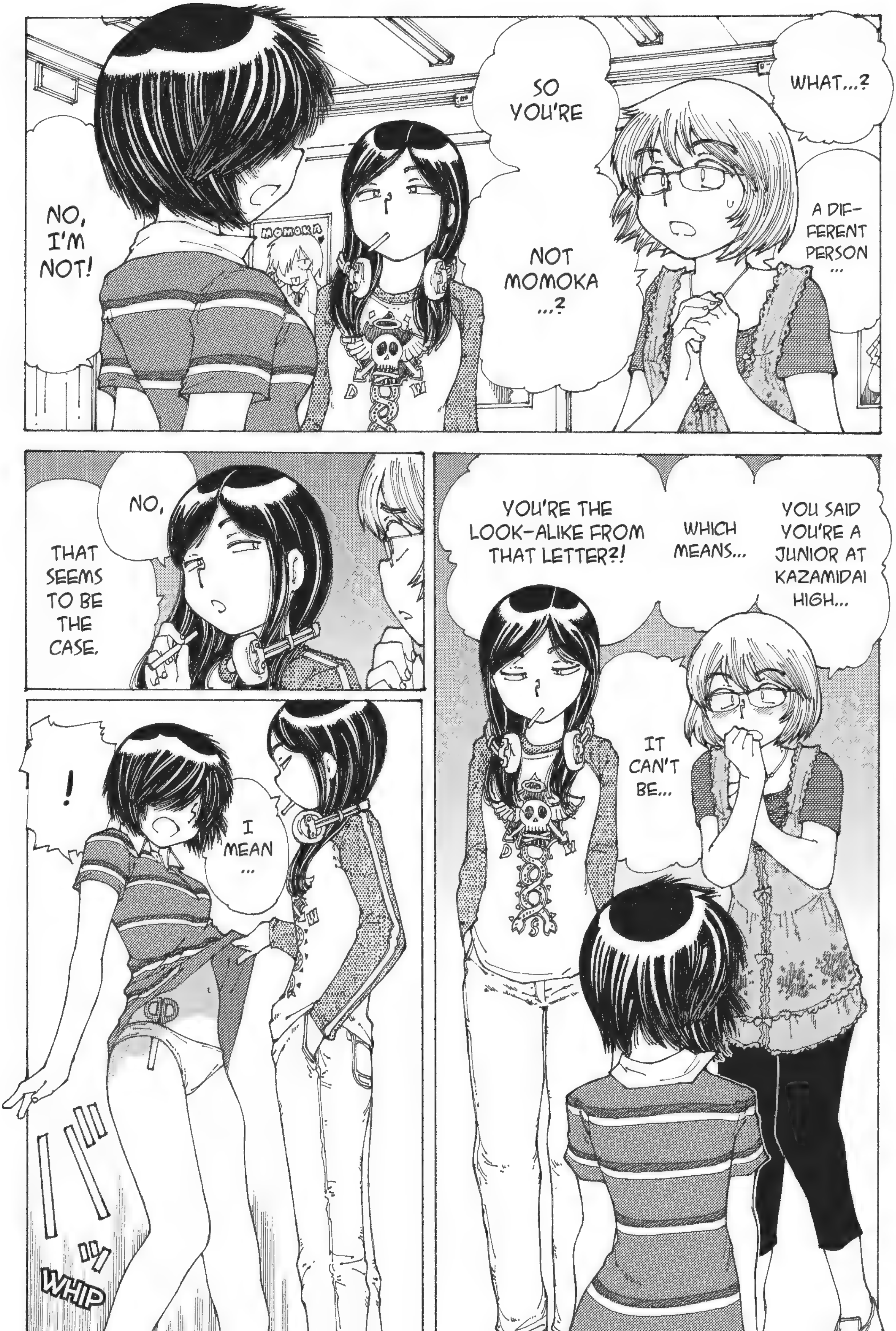

THAT LETTER...
THE ONE WHERE THE FAN SAID THERE WAS A LOOK-ALIKE OF MOMOKA?
YES!
I WENT TO THAT TOWN ON THE CHANCE SHE'D GONE THERE,
AND BY COINCIDENCE,
I SPOTTED HER STANDING ON THE SIDEWALK.
WHA ?!
SO I NABBED HER AND BROUGHT HER BACK.
UH...
NO,
I'M...
MOMOKA...
I KNOW YOU'VE BEEN SAYING LATELY THAT YOU WANT TO QUIT BEING AN IDOL.
BUT STILL,
YOU SHOULDN'T JUST DISAPPEAR WITHOUT TELLING ANYONE.
GRIP
ギゅっ

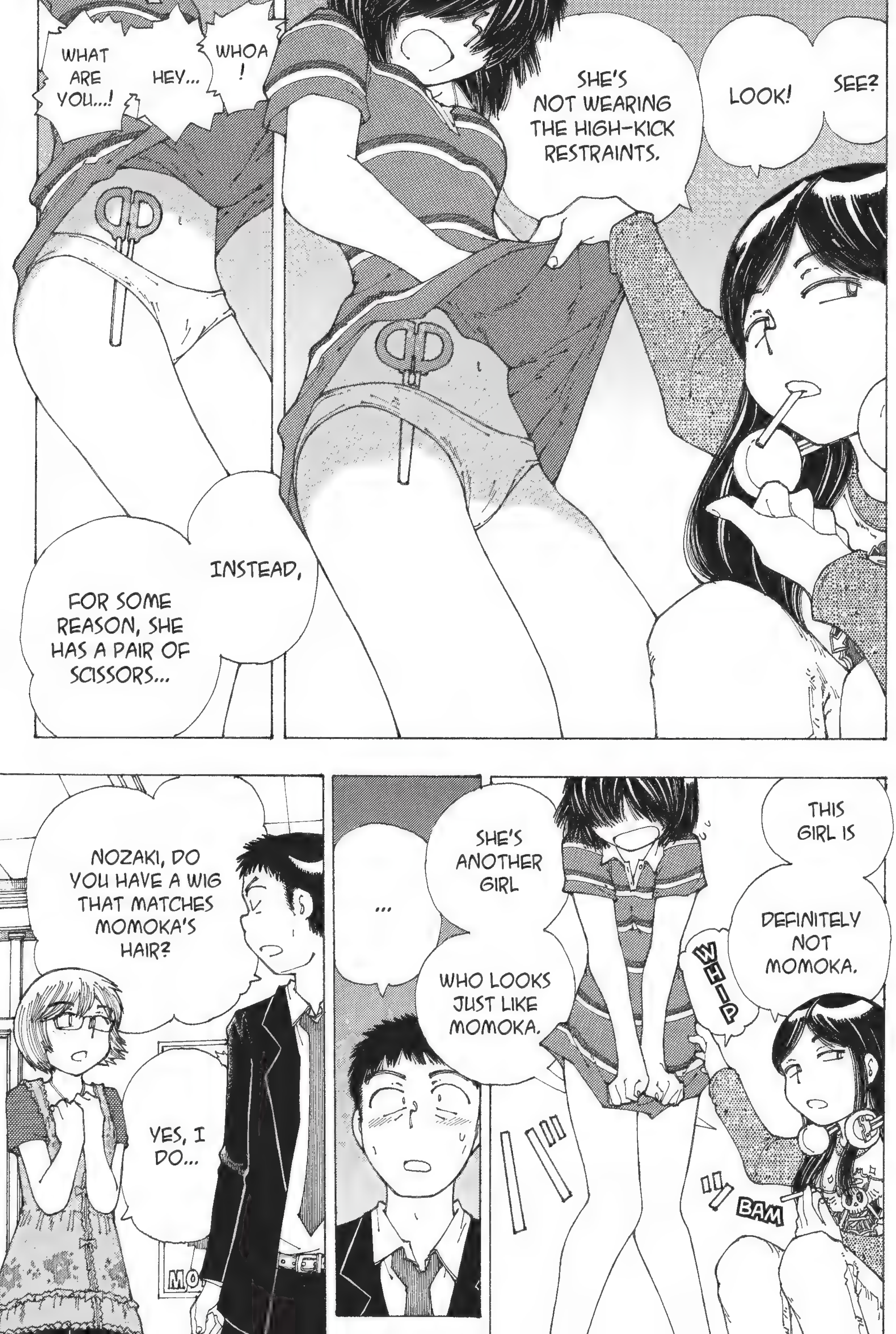

MOMOKA♥
YOU WERE PRETTY KEEN ON THAT LETTER ABOUT YOUR LOOK-ALIKE.
DID YOU GO TO THAT TOWN
TO TRY AND GET THE LOOK-ALIKE TO TAKE OVER AS AN IDOL FOR YOU?
ON SALE!
YOU KNOW,
YOU CAN'T TAKE LETTERS LIKE THAT SERIOUSLY.
MOMOKA IMAI NEW SINGLE
PURE HEART EXPLO-
EVEN IF THEY LOOK SIMILAR IN A PHOTO,
MORE OFTEN THAN NOT,
THEY LOOK COMPLETELY DIFFERENT WHEN YOU SEE THEM IN PERSON.
UH... NO...
THAT'S NOT WHAT I...
STILL,
DYING YOUR HAIR BLACK
LIKE THE GIRL IN THAT PHOTO...
SFF

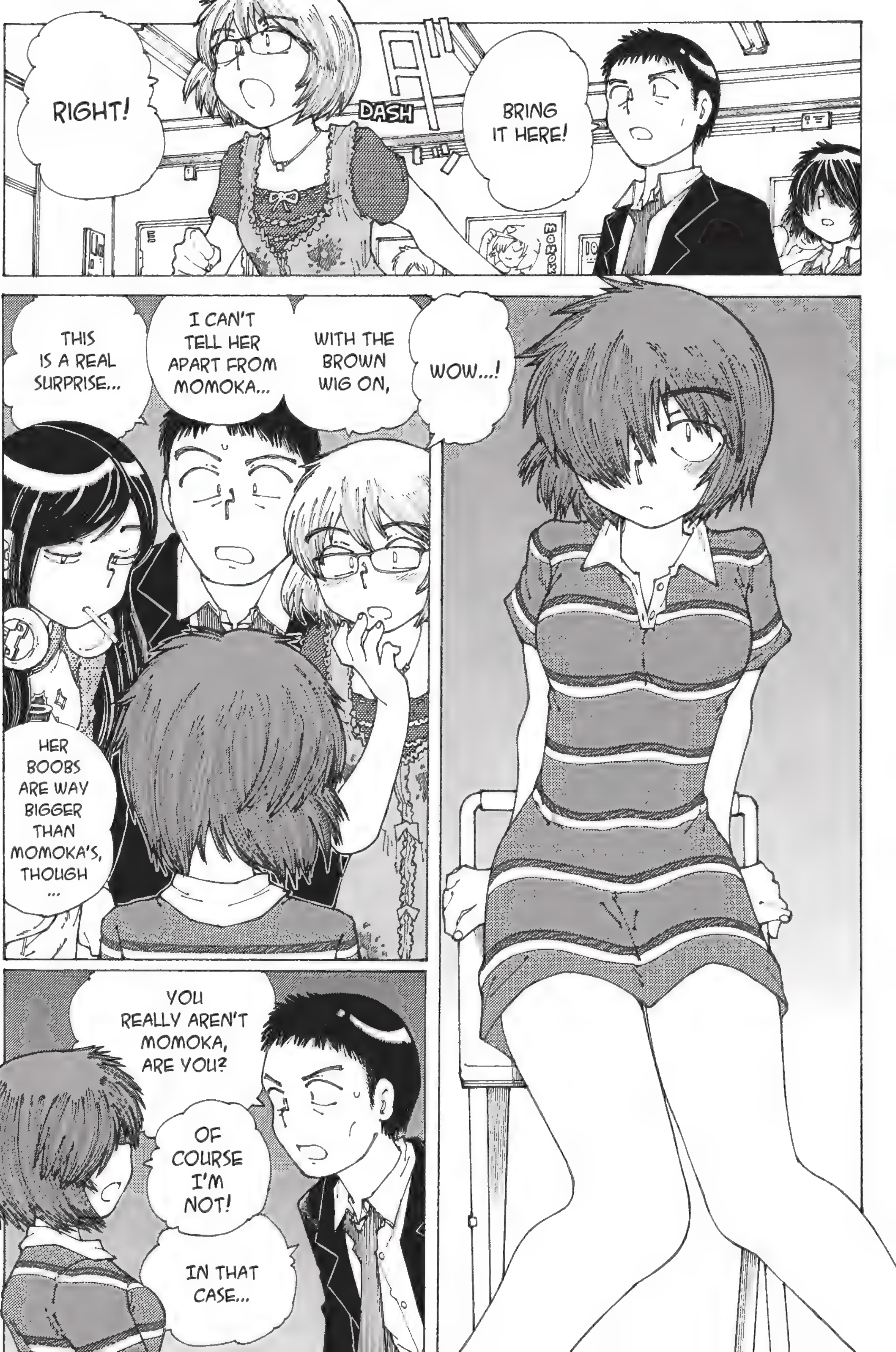

AND...
WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO PULL
むんずっ
SQUISH
WITH THESE BOOBS?
THEY'RE WAY BIGGER THAN YOUR REAL SIZE.
HOW MANY PADS DID YOU USE?
もみ
SQUEEZE
...
HUH?
WAIT...
FOR PADS, THESE FEEL AWFULLY ...
もみ
SQUEEZE
REAL...
!
ミュ
SHOOP
もみ
SQUEEZE

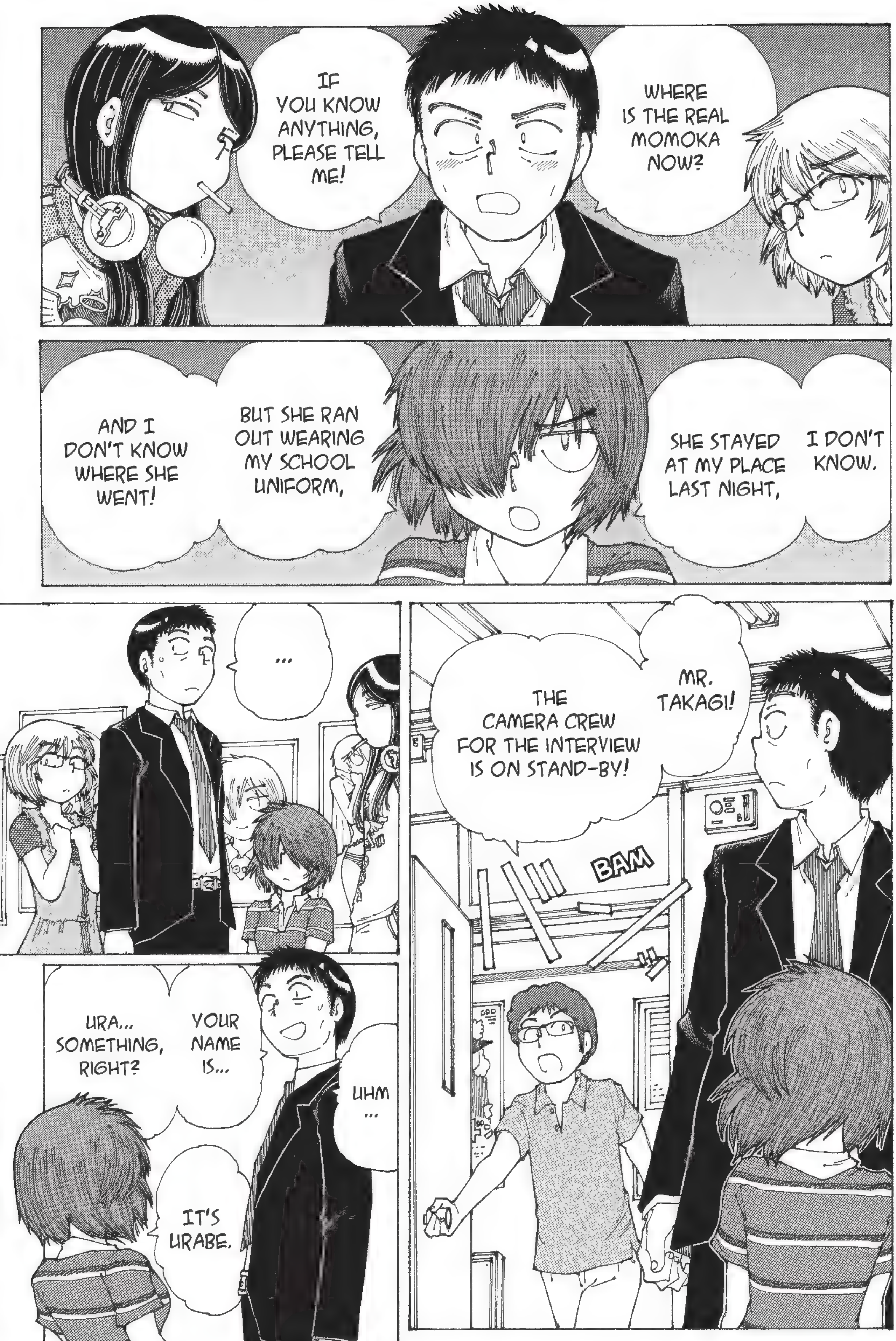

ジャキジャキ
SNIP
SNIP
WAAAAAH!
ジャキジャキ
ジャキジャキ
SNIP
SNIP
TWIRL TWIRL TWIRL
カラカラカラ
パスッ
SHWIP
LIKE I'VE BEEN TRYING TO SAY,

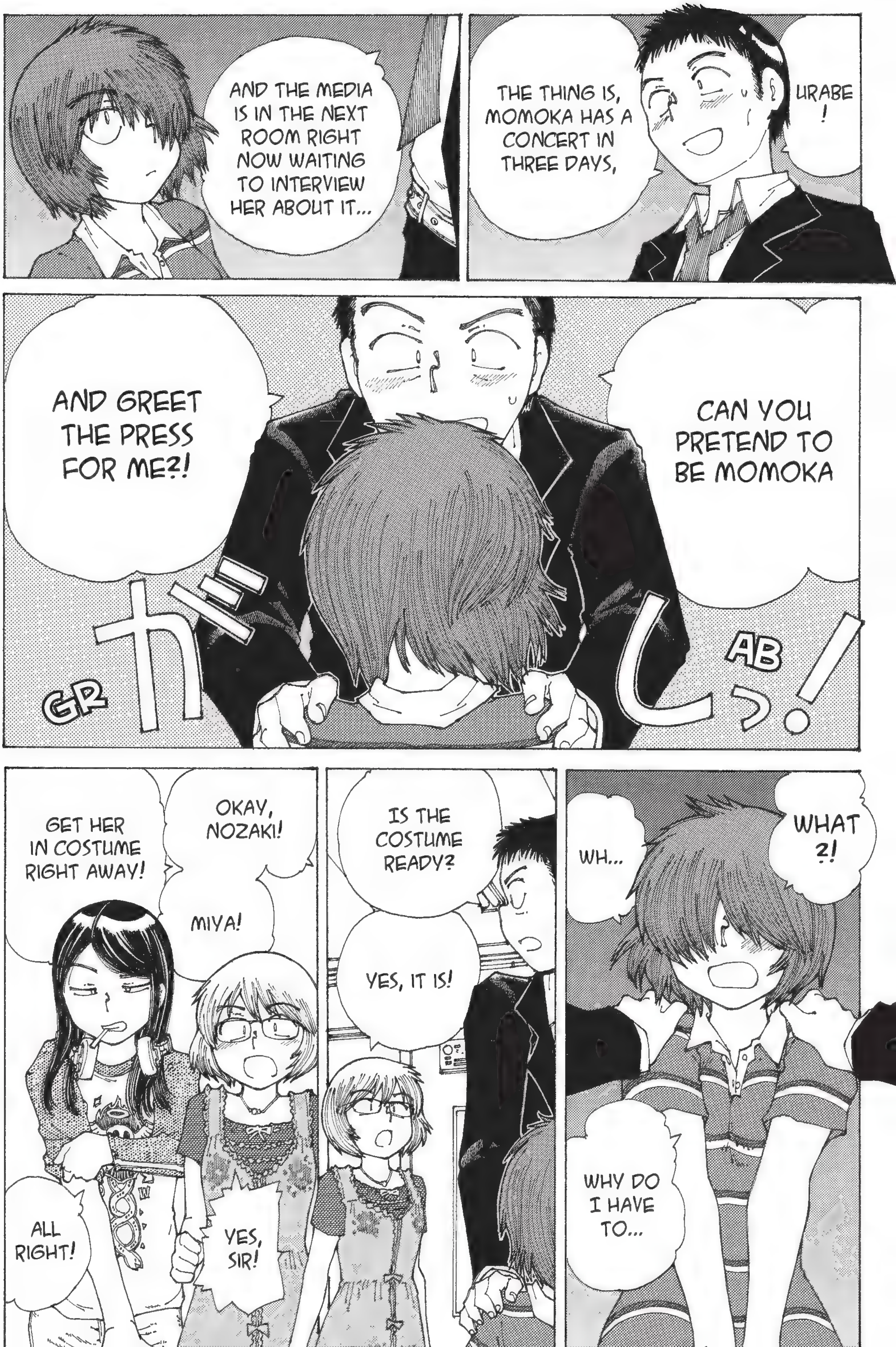

I'M NOT MOMOKA IMAI!!
I'M MIKOTO URABE, A JUNIOR AT KAZAMIDAI JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL!!
I'M A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT PERSON FROM MOMOKA IMAI!!
IMAI
MOMOKA IMAI NEW SINGLE
KA
PURE HEART EXPLOSION
ON-SALE!!
...WHAT?!
DIFFERENT PERSON...?!
WHOA...!
SHATTER...
HEART
PURE
ON-SALE

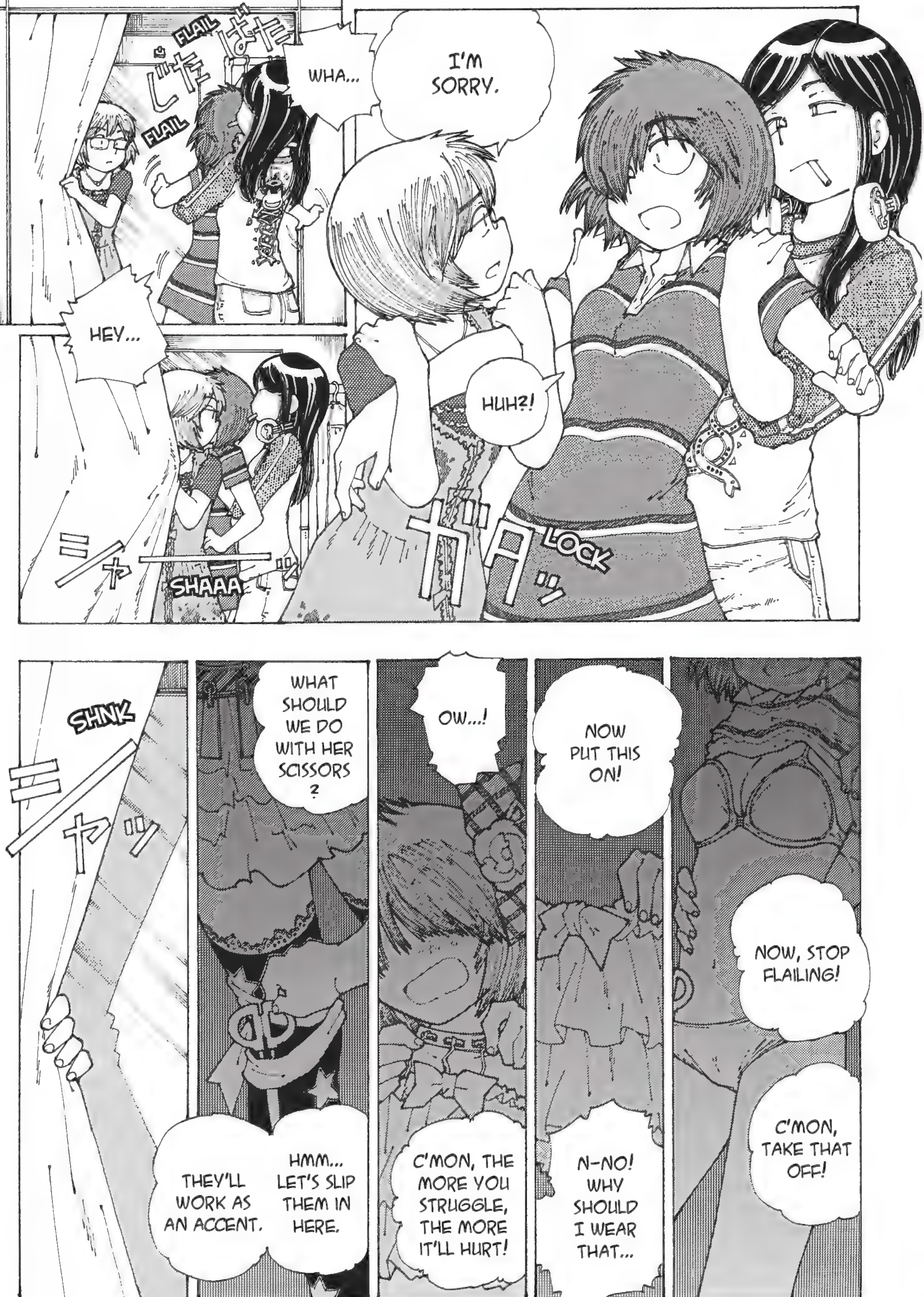

WHAT...?
A DIFFERENT PERSON...
SO YOU'RE NOT MOMOKA...?
MOMOKA
NO, I'M NOT!
YOU SAID YOU'RE A JUNIOR AT KAZAMIDAI HIGH...
WHICH MEANS...
YOU'RE THE LOOK-ALIKE FROM THAT LETTER?!
IT CAN'T BE...
NO, THAT SEEMS TO BE THE CASE.
I MEAN...
!
WHIP

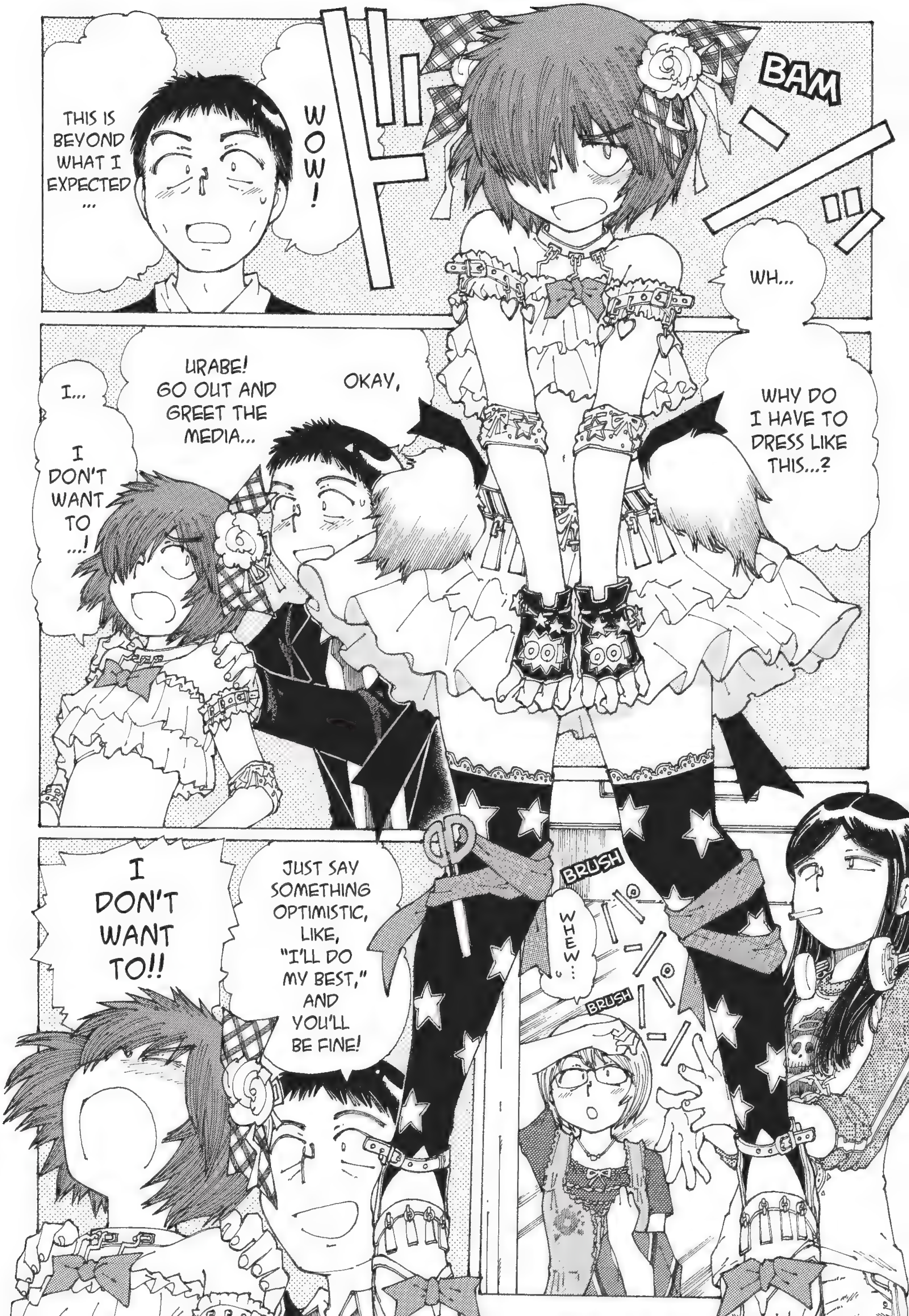

SEE?
LOOK!
SHE'S NOT WEARING THE HIGH-KICK RESTRAINTS.
INSTEAD, FOR SOME REASON, SHE HAS A PAIR OF SCISSORS...
WHOA!
HEY...
WHAT ARE YOU...!
THIS GIRL IS DEFINITELY NOT MOMOKA.
WHIP
BAM
SHE'S ANOTHER GIRL WHO LOOKS JUST LIKE MOMOKA.
...
NOZAKI, DO YOU HAVE A WIG THAT MATCHES MOMOKA'S HAIR?
YES, I DO...
MO


BRING IT HERE!
DASH
RIGHT!
WOW...!
WITH THE BROWN WIG ON,
I CAN'T TELL HER APART FROM MOMOKA...
THIS IS A REAL SURPRISE...
HER BOOBS ARE WAY BIGGER THAN MOMOKA'S, THOUGH...
YOU REALLY AREN'T MOMOKA, ARE YOU?
OF COURSE I'M NOT!
IN THAT CASE...


WHERE IS THE REAL MOMOKA NOW?
IF YOU KNOW ANYTHING, PLEASE TELL ME!
I DON'T KNOW.
SHE STAYED AT MY PLACE LAST NIGHT,
BUT SHE RAN OUT WEARING MY SCHOOL UNIFORM,
AND I DON'T KNOW WHERE SHE WENT!
MR. TAKAGI!
THE CAMERA CREW FOR THE INTERVIEW IS ON STAND-BY!
BAM
...
YOUR NAME IS...
URA... SOMETHING, RIGHT?
UHM ...
IT'S URABE.


URABE!
THE THING IS, MOMOKA HAS A CONCERT IN THREE DAYS,
AND THE MEDIA IS IN THE NEXT ROOM RIGHT NOW WAITING TO INTERVIEW HER ABOUT IT...
CAN YOU PRETEND TO BE MOMOKA
AND GREET THE PRESS FOR ME?!
GR
ガシっ!
AB
WHAT?!
WH...
WHY DO I HAVE TO...
IS THE COSTUME READY?
YES, IT IS!
OKAY, NOZAKI!
MIYA!
GET HER IN COSTUME RIGHT AWAY!
YES, SIR!
ALL RIGHT!


I'M SORRY.
WHA...
HUH?!
LOCK
FLAIL
FLAIL
じた
ばた
HEY...
SHAAA
NOW, STOP FLAILING!
C'MON, TAKE THAT OFF!
NOW PUT THIS ON!
N-NO! WHY SHOULD I WEAR THAT...
OW...!
C'MON, THE MORE YOU STRUGGLE, THE MORE IT'LL HURT!
WHAT SHOULD WE DO WITH HER SCISSORS?
HMM... LET'S SLIP THEM IN HERE.
THEY'LL WORK AS AN ACCENT.
SHNK
シャッ


BAM
WH...
WOW!
THIS IS BEYOND WHAT I EXPECTED...
WHY DO I HAVE TO DRESS LIKE THIS...?
OKAY, URABE! GO OUT AND GREET THE MEDIA...
I... I DON'T WANT TO...!
BRUSH
WHEW...
BRUSH
JUST SAY SOMETHING OPTIMISTIC, LIKE, "I'LL DO MY BEST," AND YOU'LL BE FINE!
I DON'T WANT TO!!

ガチャッ
GACHAK
GO ON!
GET OUT THERE!
ドン
BAM
ッ
WAH!
パシャッ
FLASH
パシャッ
FLASH
FLASH
FLASH
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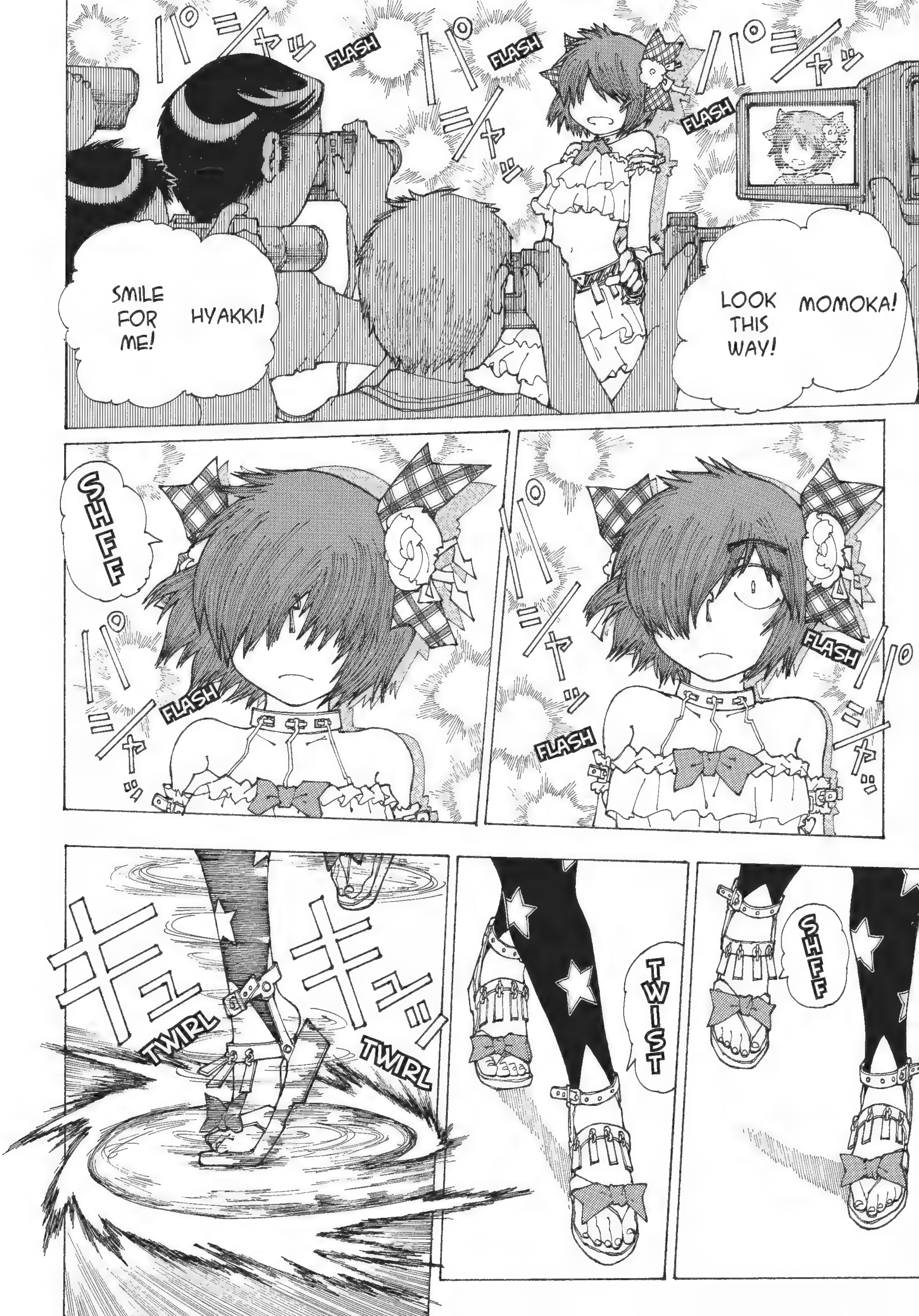
パシャッ
FLASH
パシャッ
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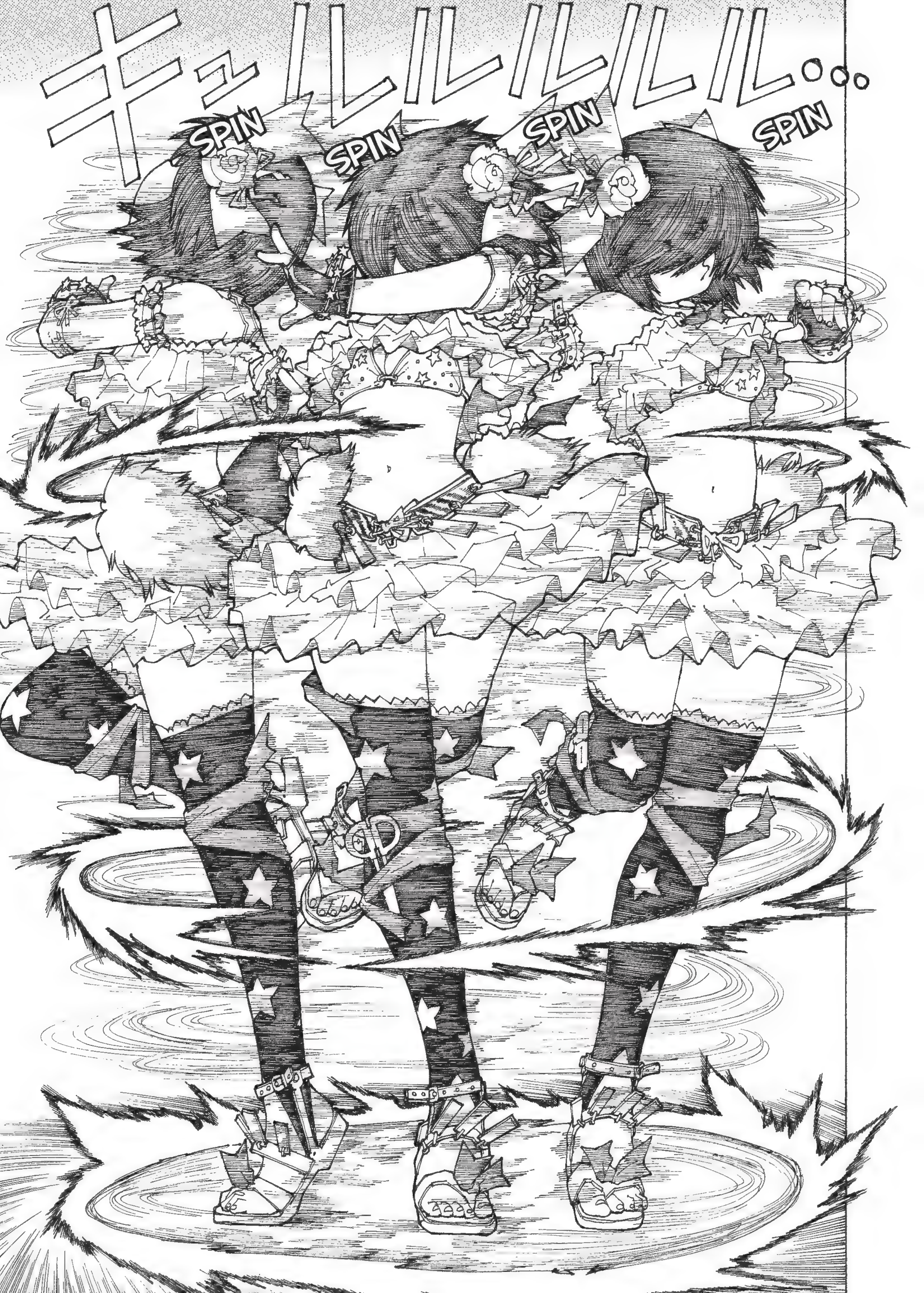
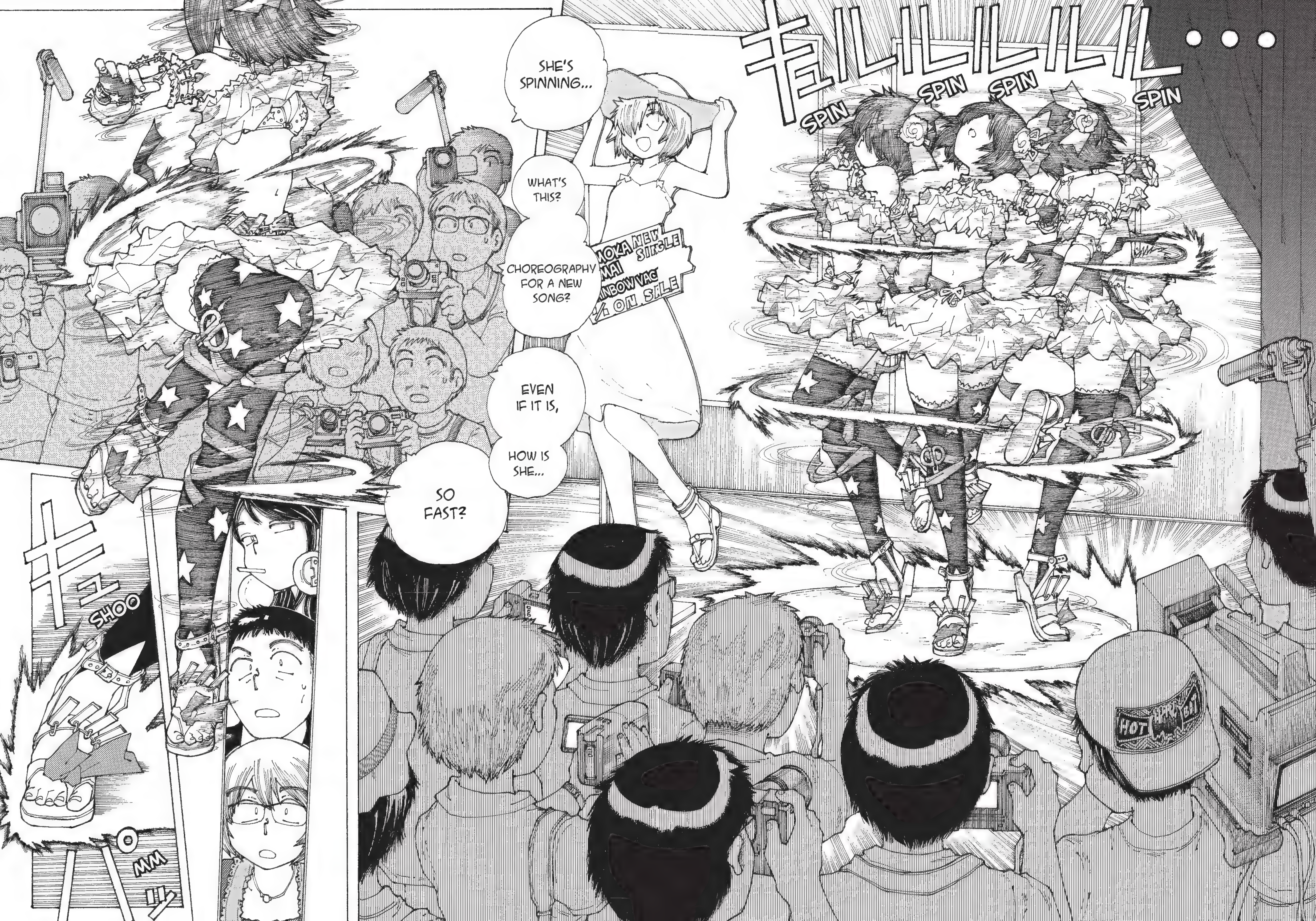
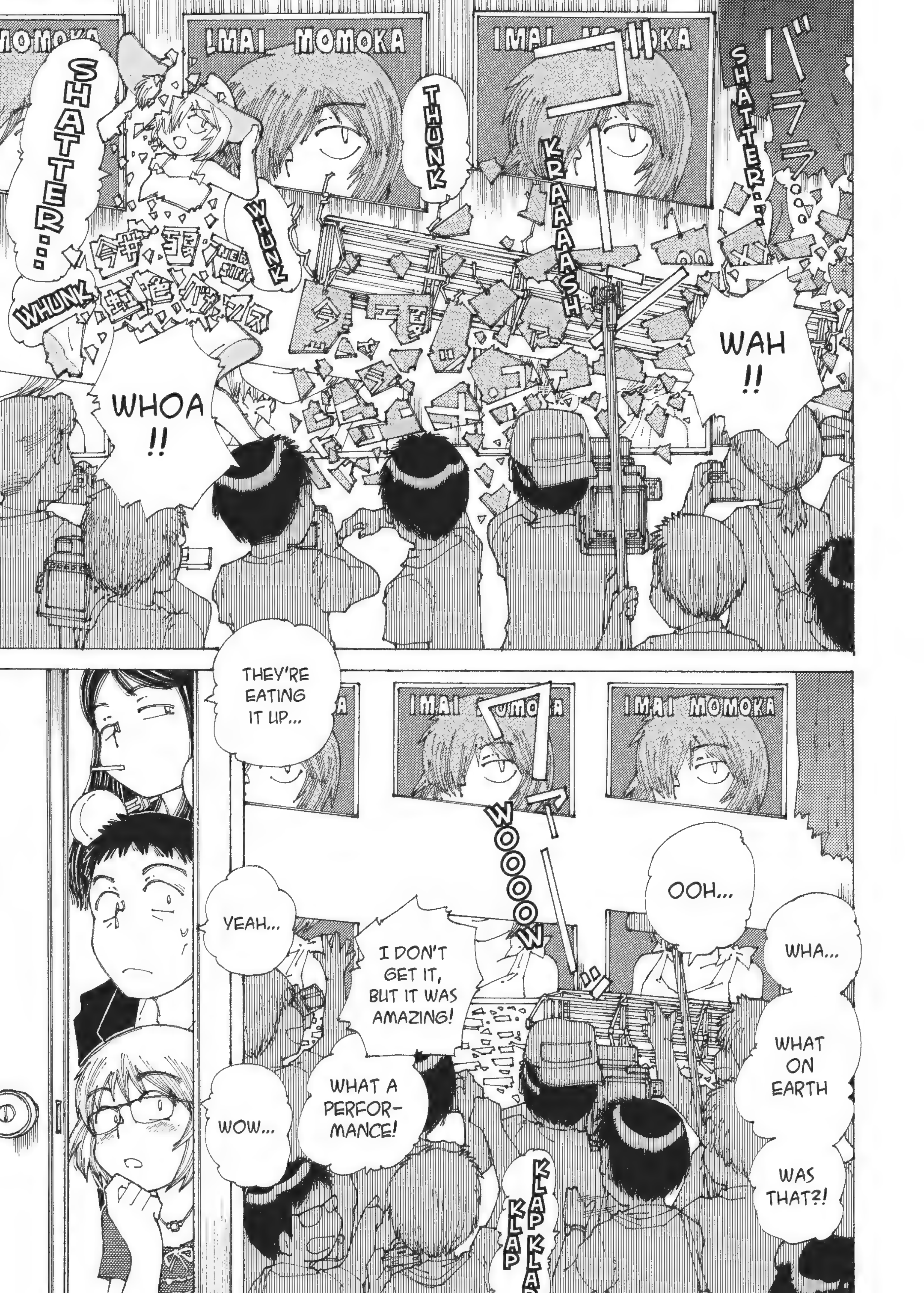
パシャッ
LOOK THIS WAY! MOMOKA!
SMILE FOR ME! HYAKKI!
パシャッ
FLASH
FLASH
パシャッ
SHFF
パシャッ
FLASH
SHFF
TWIST
キュッ
TWIRL
キュッ
TWIRL

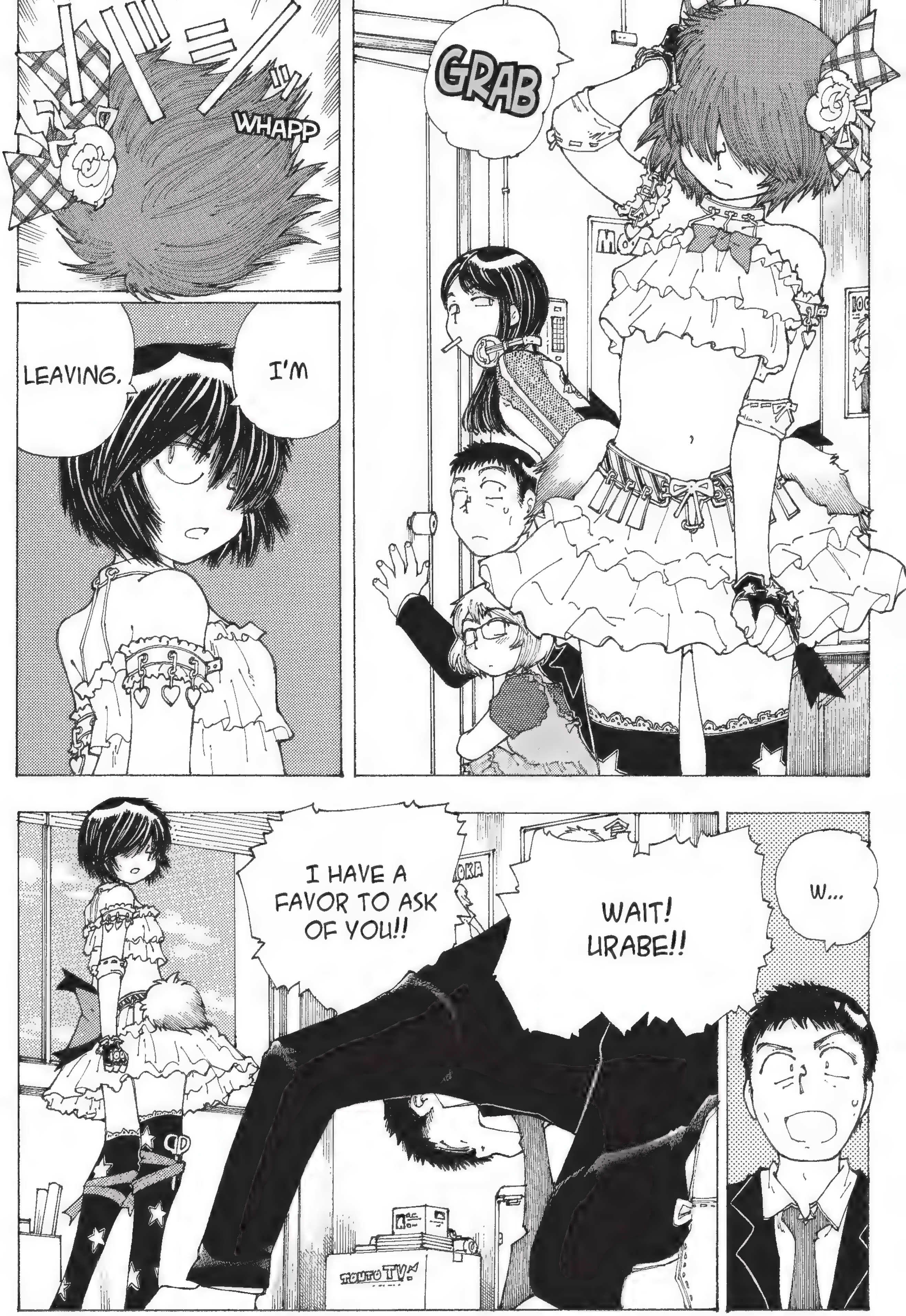

キュルルルルル…
SPIN
SPIN
SPIN
SPIN

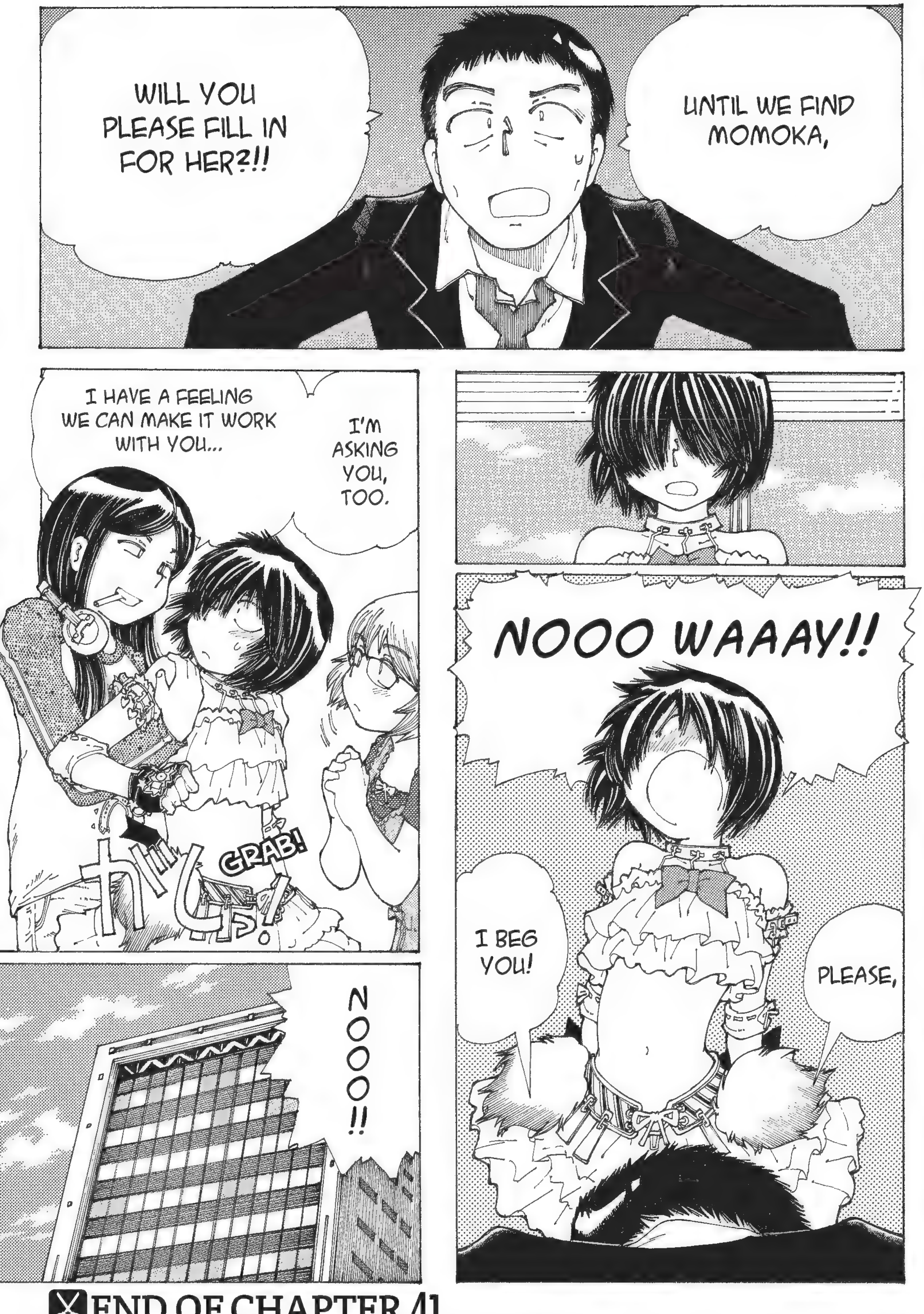

キュルルルルルル…
SPIN
SPIN
SPIN
SPIN
MOKA NEW SINGLE
MAI
NBOW VAC
/4 ON SALE
SHE'S SPINNING...
WHAT'S THIS?
CHOREOGRAPHY FOR A NEW SONG?
EVEN IF IT IS,
HOW IS SHE...
SO FAST?
キュ
SHOO
MM

ジャキジャキ
SNIP
SNIP
ジャキ
SNIP
ジャキ
ジャキ
SNIP
シュッ
SHINK
100
カラカラカラ
TWIRL
TWIRL
TWIRL
OH...!
NOW WHAT?
SHE STOPPED...

カラカラカラカラ
TWIRL TWIRL TWIRL TWIRL
IMAI MOMOKA
IMAI MOMOKA
MOMOKA IMAI NEW SINGLE
RAINBOW VACATION
% ON SALE
つかつか…
TROMP
パ
SHWIP
スッ
バターン
BTAM
MOMOKA IMA
SUMMER CONCERT
MOMO STYLE - NE
PIP
PIP
IMAI MOMOKA


IMAI MOMOKA
IMAI MOMOKA
IMAI MOMOKA
バラララ…
SHATTER…
WAH!!
KRAAAAASH
THUNK
WHUNK
SHATTER…
WHUNK
WHOA!!
IMAI MOMOKA
IMAI MOMOKA
WHAT ON EARTH WAS THAT?!
WHA…
OOH…
WOOOOOW
I DON'T GET IT, BUT IT WAS AMAZING!
WHAT A PERFORMANCE!
WOW…
KLAP KLAP KLAP
THEY'RE EATING IT UP…
YEAH…


GRAB
WHAPP
I'M
LEAVING.
W...
WAIT! URABE!!
I HAVE A FAVOR TO ASK OF YOU!!
TOUTO TV

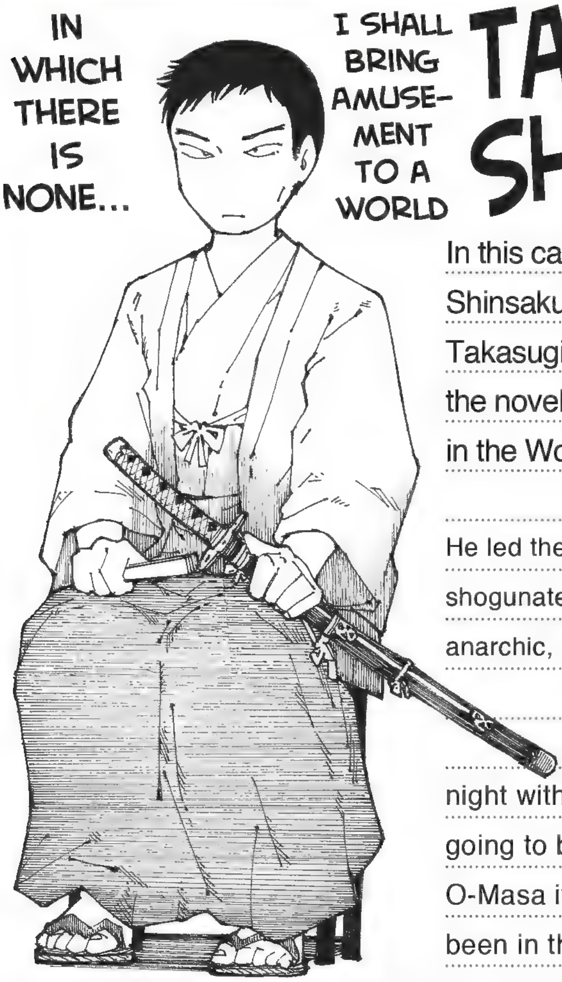

UNTIL WE FIND MOMOKA,
WILL YOU PLEASE FILL IN FOR HER?!!
I'M ASKING YOU, TOO.
I HAVE A FEELING WE CAN MAKE IT WORK WITH YOU...
GRAB!
NOOO WAAAY!!
PLEASE,
I BEG YOU!
NOOOO!!

END OF CHAPTER 41

MY IDOL: ②

I SHALL BRING AMUSEMENT TO A WORLD IN WHICH THERE IS NONE...

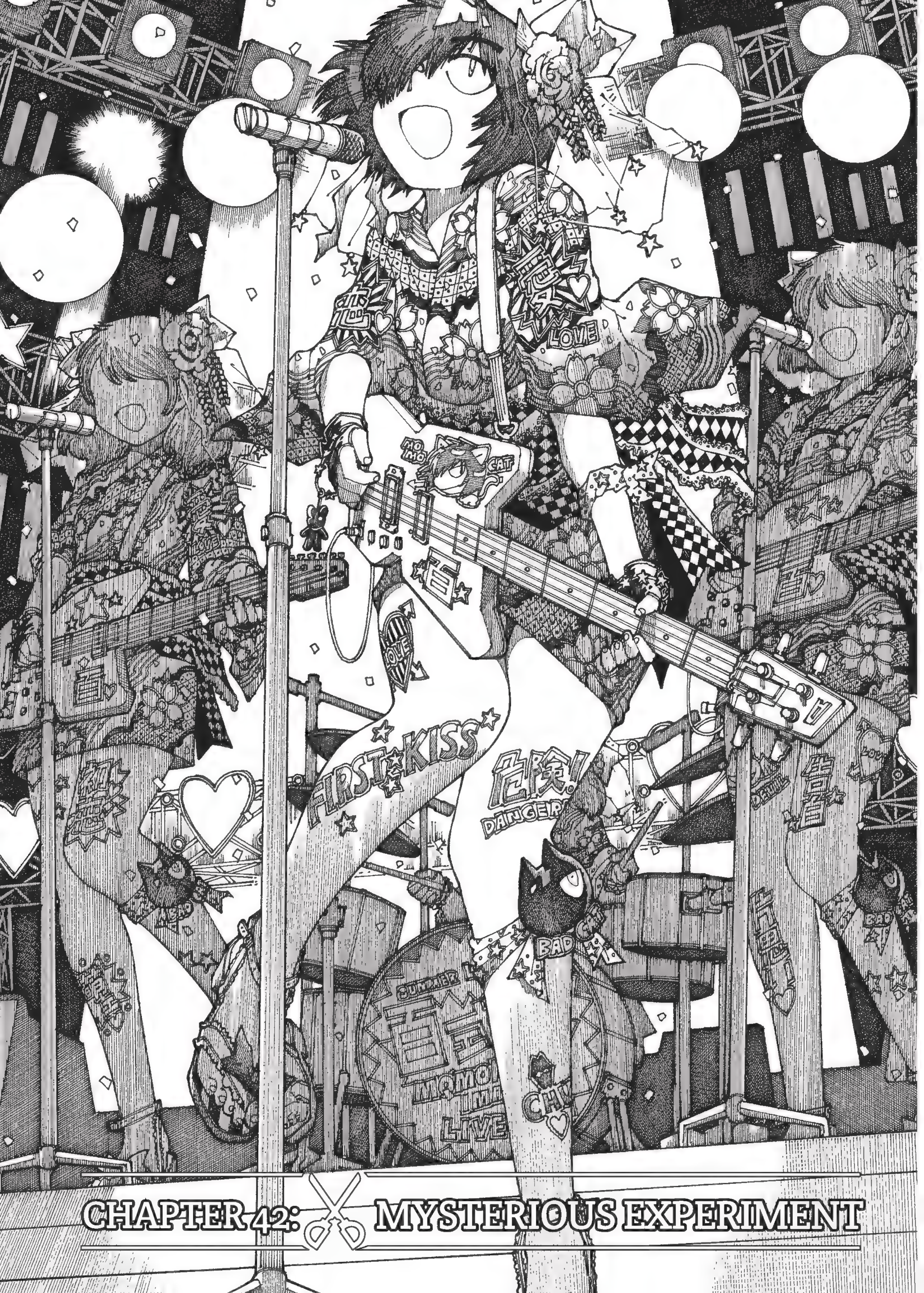
TAKASUGI SHINSAKU (1839~1867)



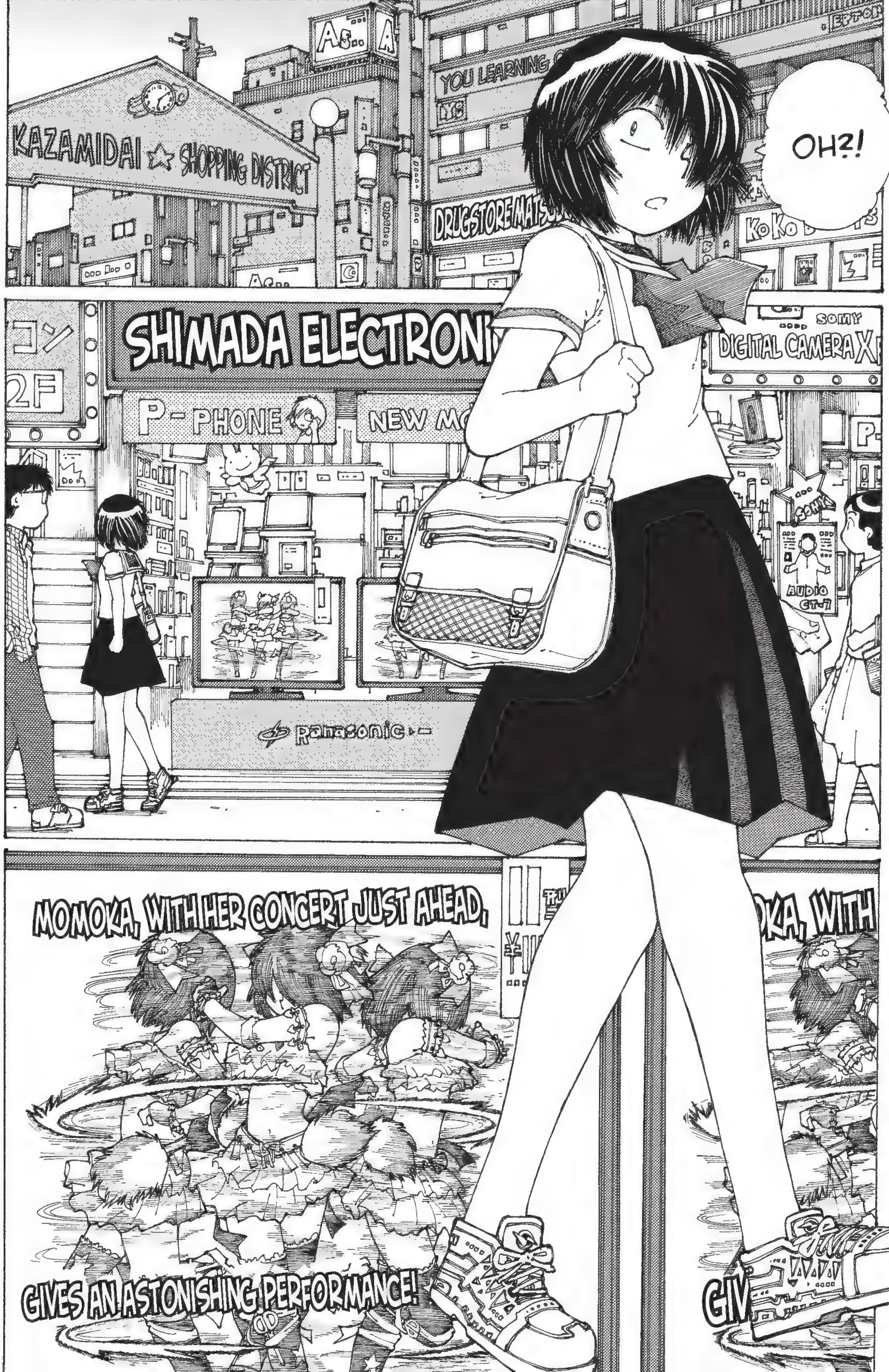
In this case, my idol is not Takasugi Shinsaku the historical figure, but Takasugi Shinsaku as the character in the novel "Yo ni Sumu Hibi" [Days Spent in the World] by Ryotaro Shiba.

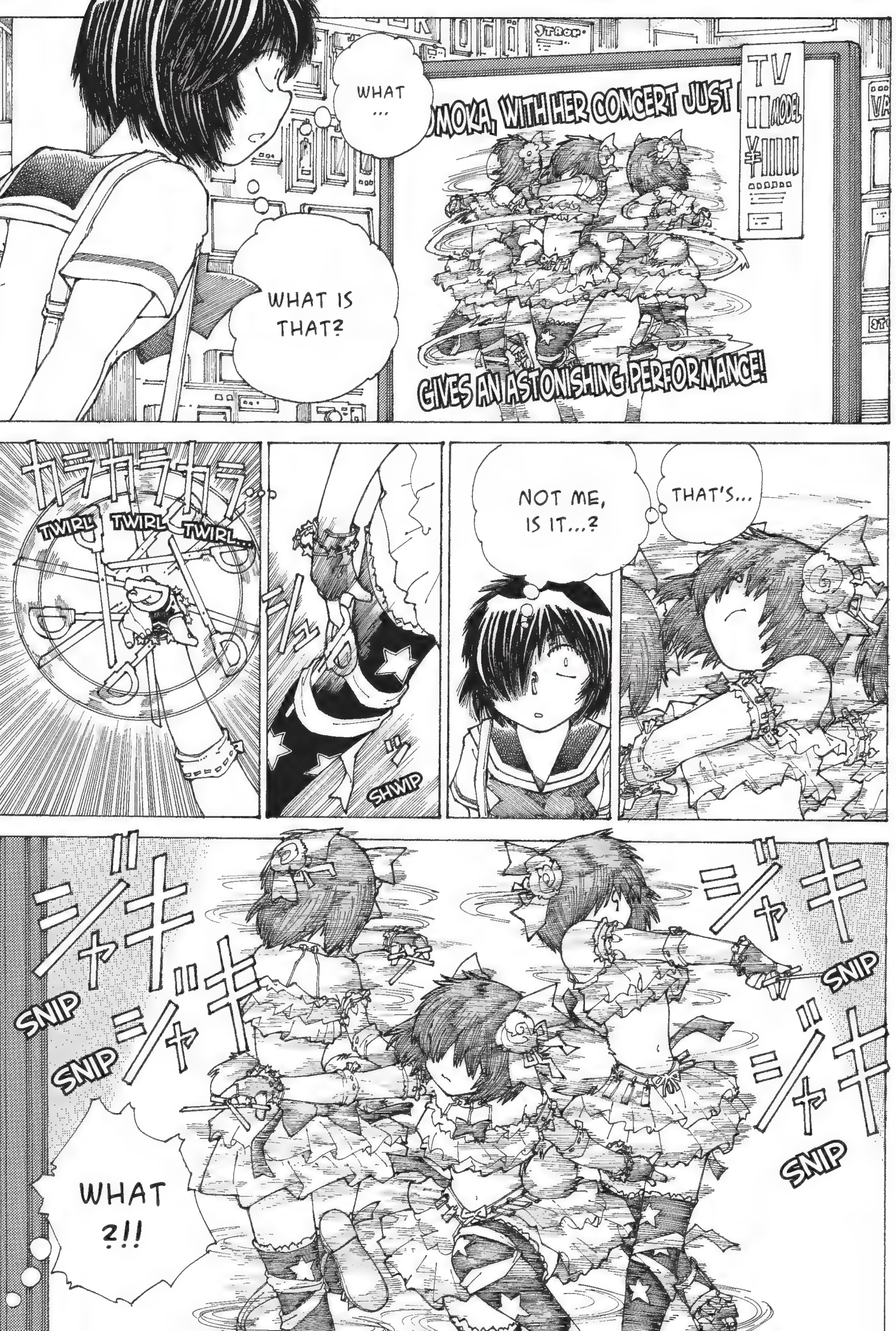
He led the movement to overthrow the shogunate in the Choshu Domain. He was anarchic, but he had a very cute side.

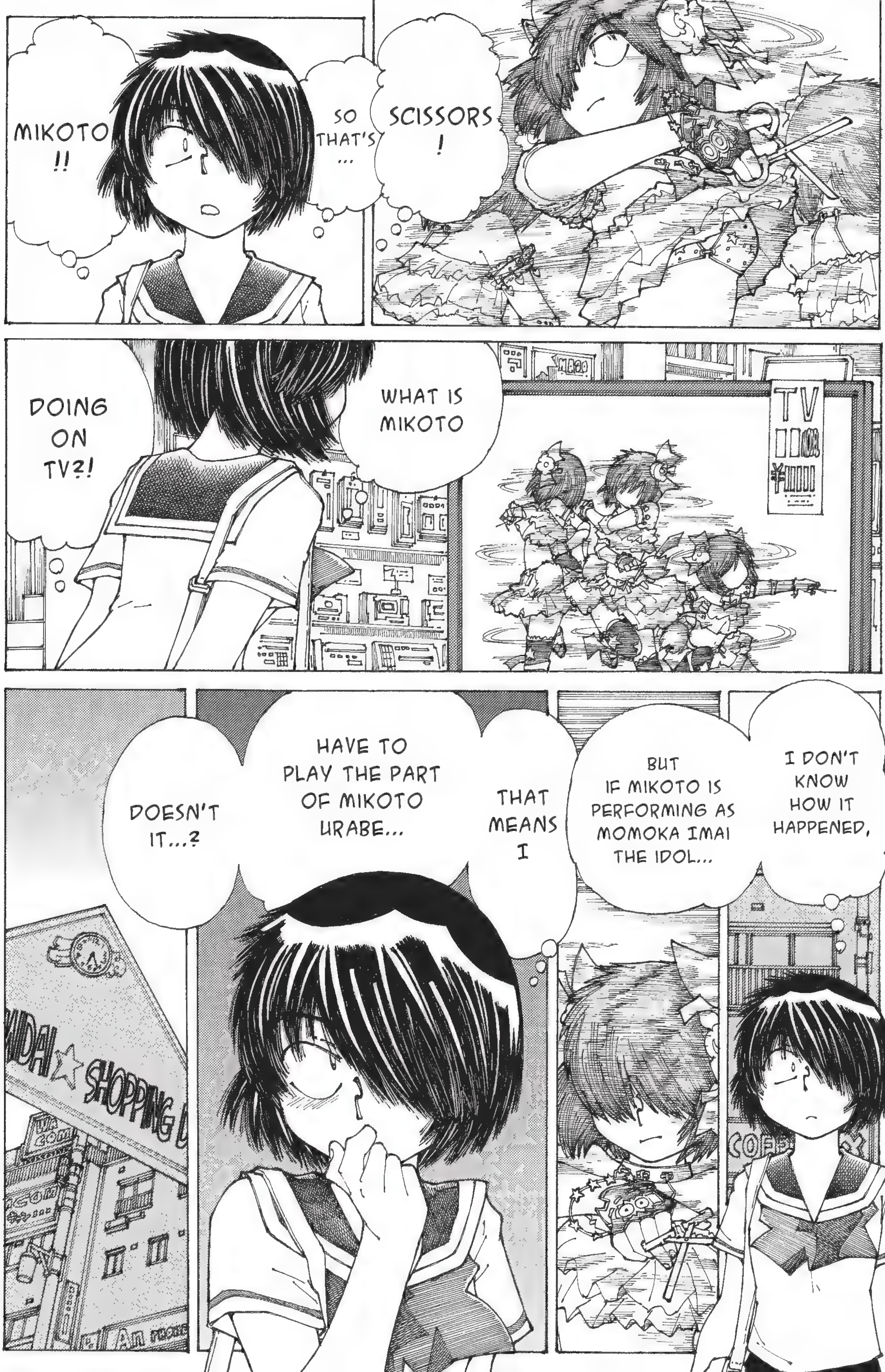
My favorite scene is his first night with his bride, O-Masa. Before going to bed, Shinsaku suddenly asks O-Masa if she remembers what had been in the stew served at their wedding. O-Masa responds by naming rice cakes, daikon, and kelp. Hearing this, Shinsaku's mood grows sour and he falls silent. O-Masa is bewildered, not knowing why Shinsaku won't speak. It turns out that Shinsaku was so nervous during the wedding that he couldn't remember anything that had been in the stew, and hearing his bride easily name the ingredients put him in a bad mood. Am I the only one who feels that dramatic scenes between men and women in Shiba's works have a lot of romantic comedy elements?

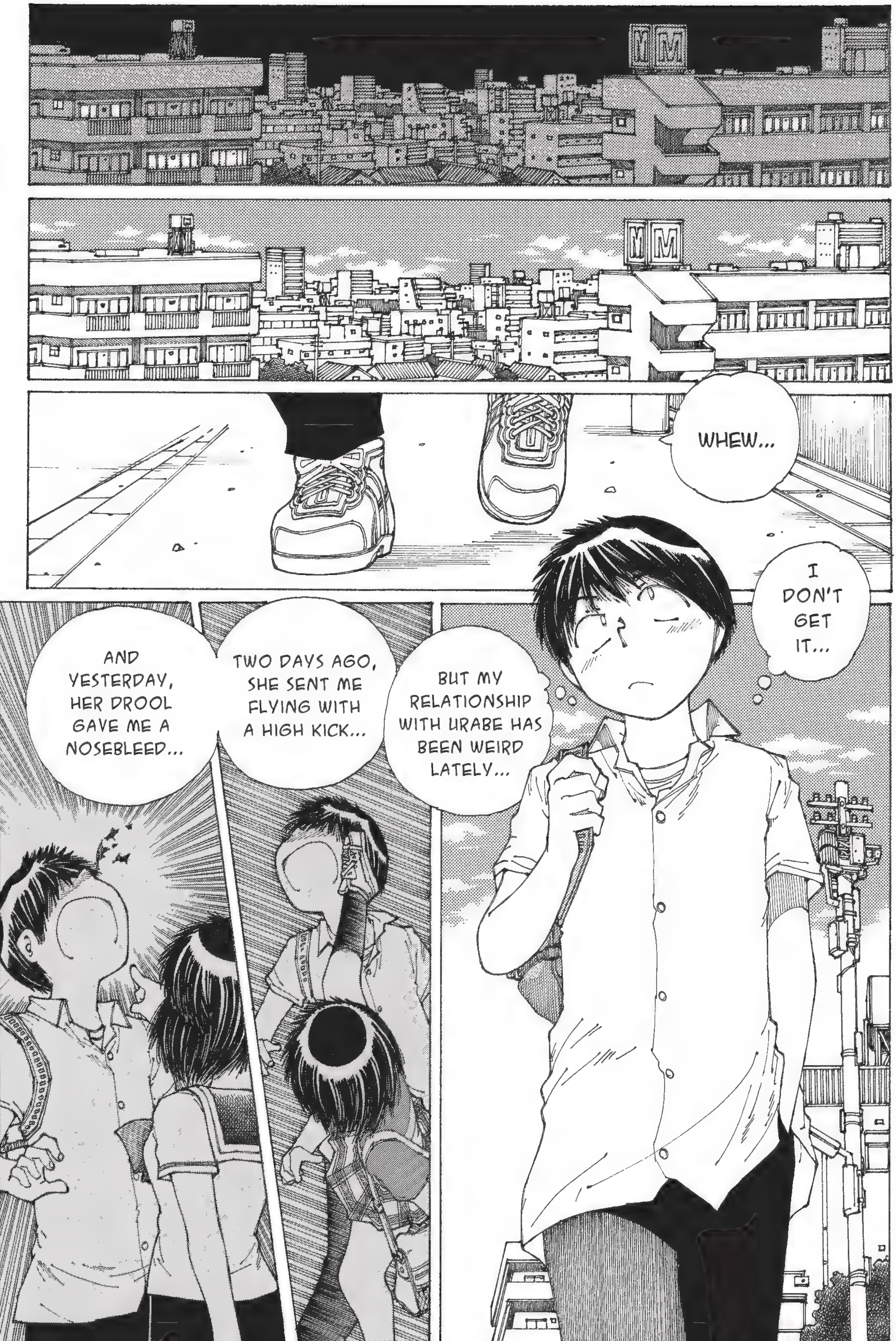

MO MO
CAT
LOVE
LOVE
FIRST KISS
危険!
DANGER
BAD
SUMMER
MOMO
LIVE
CHU

CHAPTER 42: MYSTERIOUS EXPERIMENT

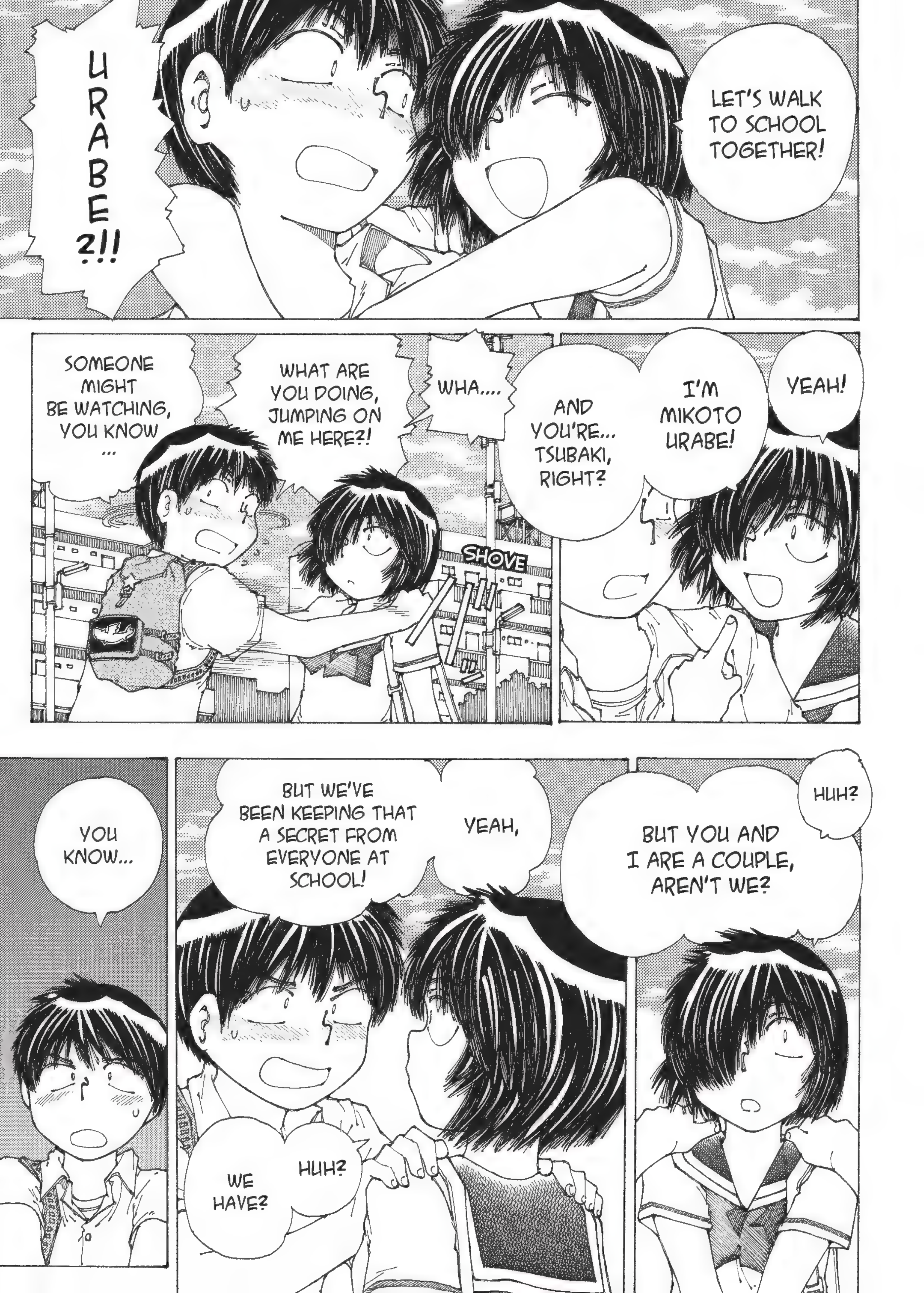

OH?!
KAZAMIDAI ☆ SHOPPING DISTRICT
YOU LEARNING
DRUGSTORE MATSU
SHIMADA ELECTRONI
2F
P-PHONE
NEW MO
SOMY
DIGITAL CAMERA X
AUDIO CT-7
Panasonic
MOMOKA, WITH HER CONCERT JUST AHEAD,
GIVES AN ASTONISHING PERFORMANCE!
OKA, WITH
GIV

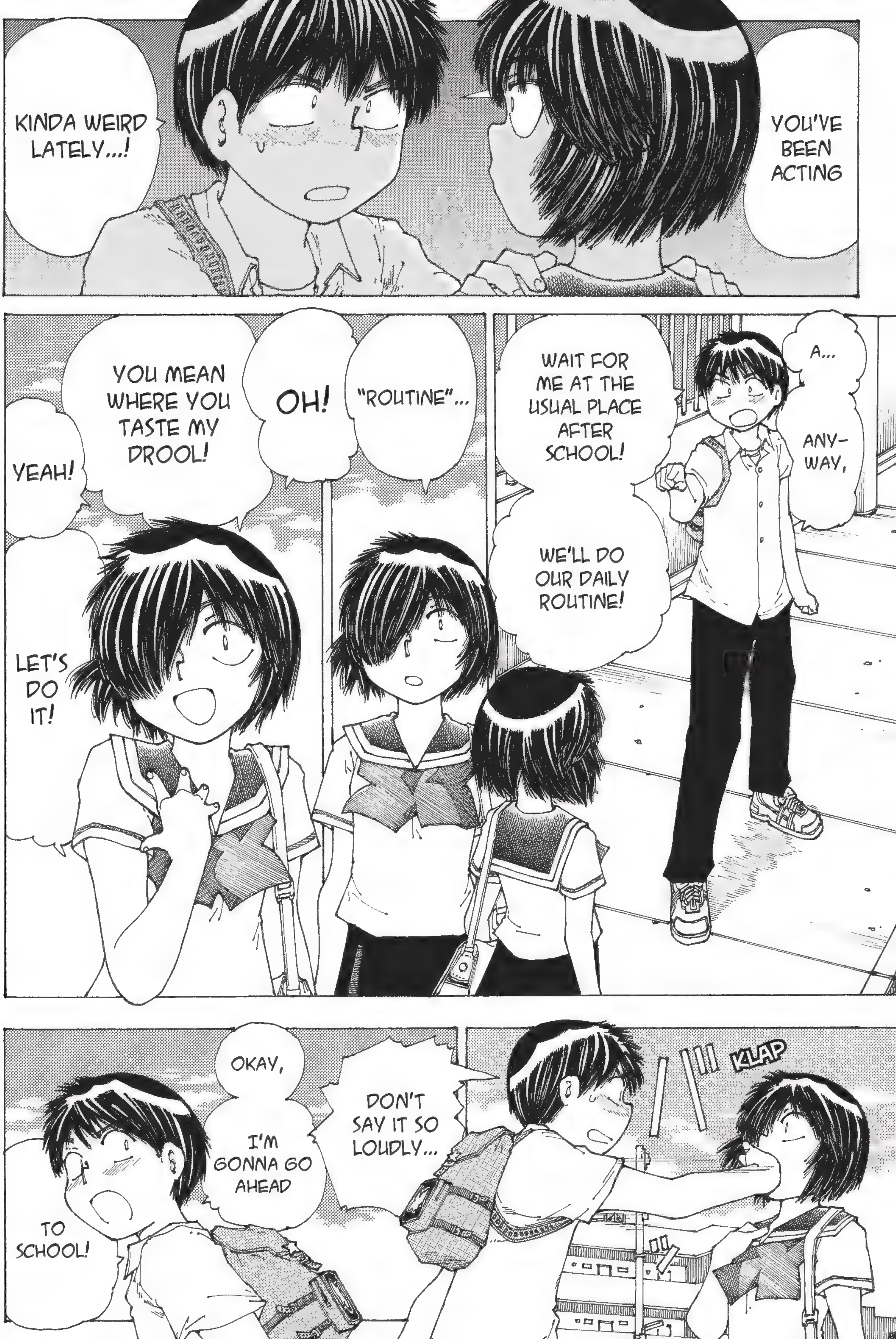

WHAT ...
WHAT IS THAT?
TV
MODEL
¥
OMOKA, WITH HER CONCERT JUST
GIVES AN ASTONISHING PERFORMANCE!
THAT'S...
NOT ME, IS IT...?
SHWIP
カラカラカラ...
TWIRL TWIRL TWIRL...
ジャキ
SNIP
ジャキ
SNIP
ジャキ
SNIP
ジャキ
SNIP
WHAT ?!!

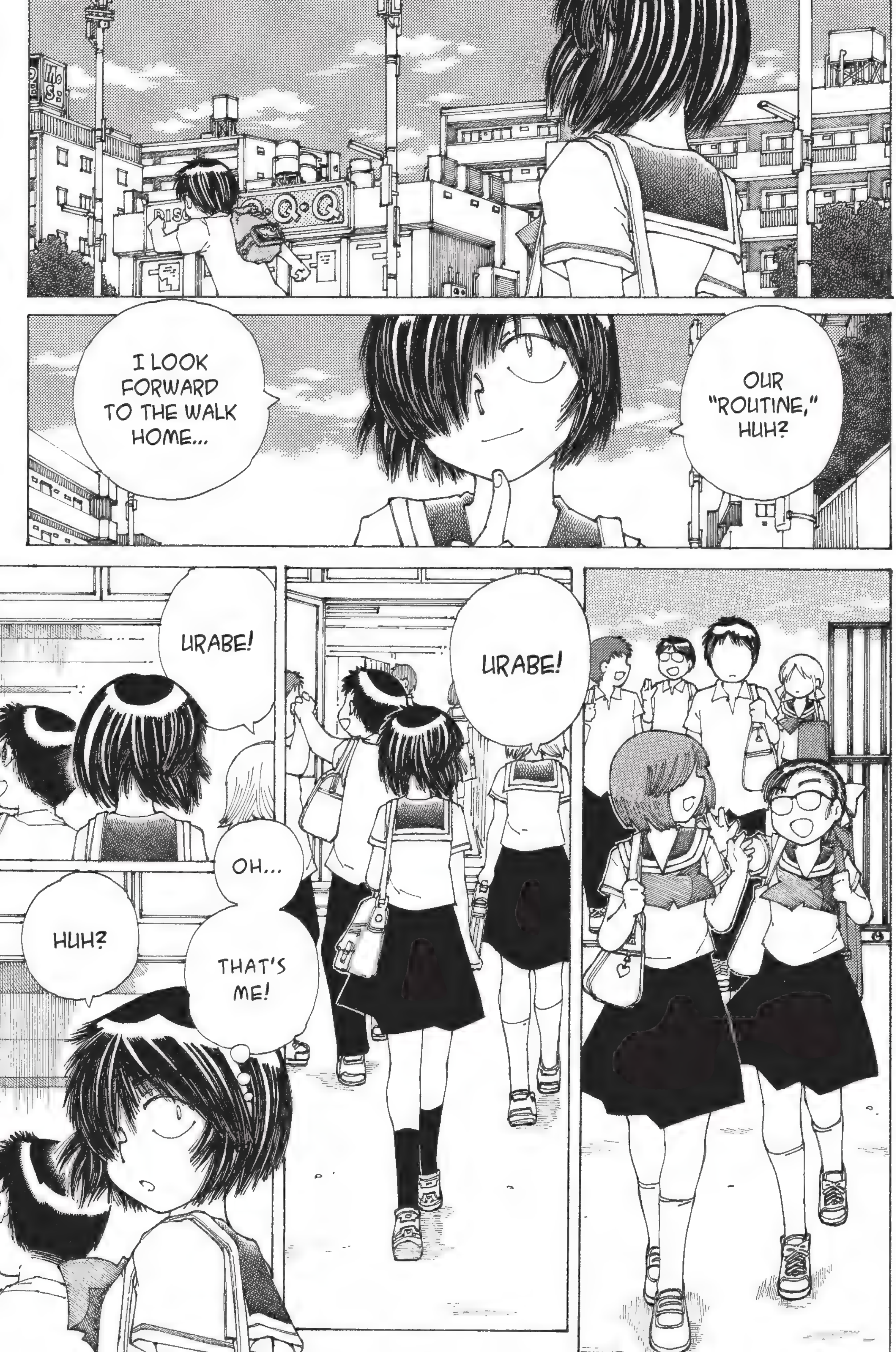

SCISSORS!
SO THAT'S...
MIKOTO!!
WHAT IS MIKOTO
DOING ON TV?!
TV
I DON'T KNOW HOW IT HAPPENED,
BUT IF MIKOTO IS PERFORMING AS MOMOKA IMAI THE IDOL...
THAT MEANS I
HAVE TO PLAY THE PART OF MIKOTO URABE...
DOESN'T IT...?
DAI☆ SHOPPING
COFF

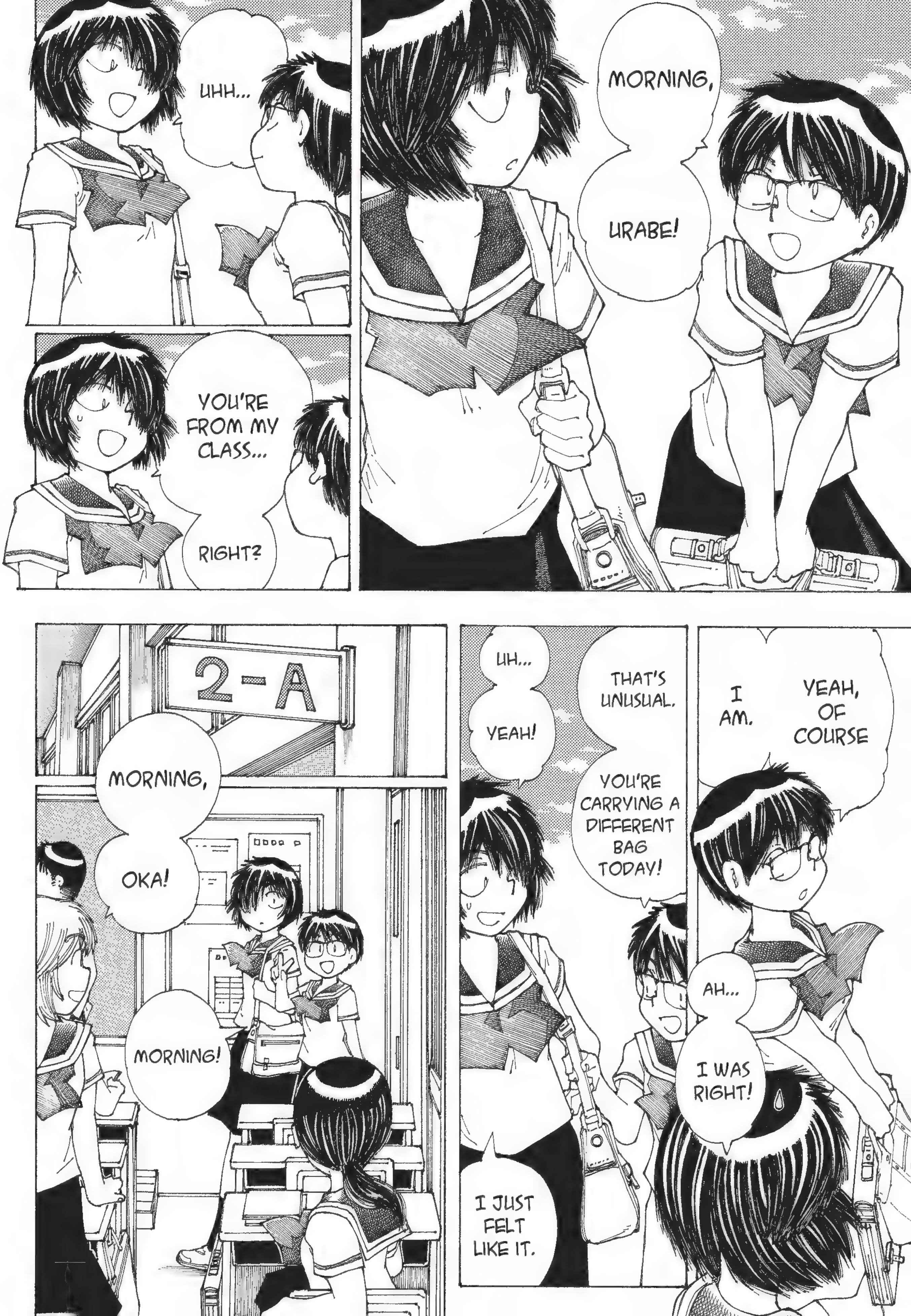

WHEW...
I DON'T GET IT...
BUT MY RELATIONSHIP WITH URABE HAS BEEN WEIRD LATELY...
TWO DAYS AGO, SHE SENT ME FLYING WITH A HIGH KICK...
AND YESTERDAY, HER DROOL GAVE ME A NOSEBLEED...

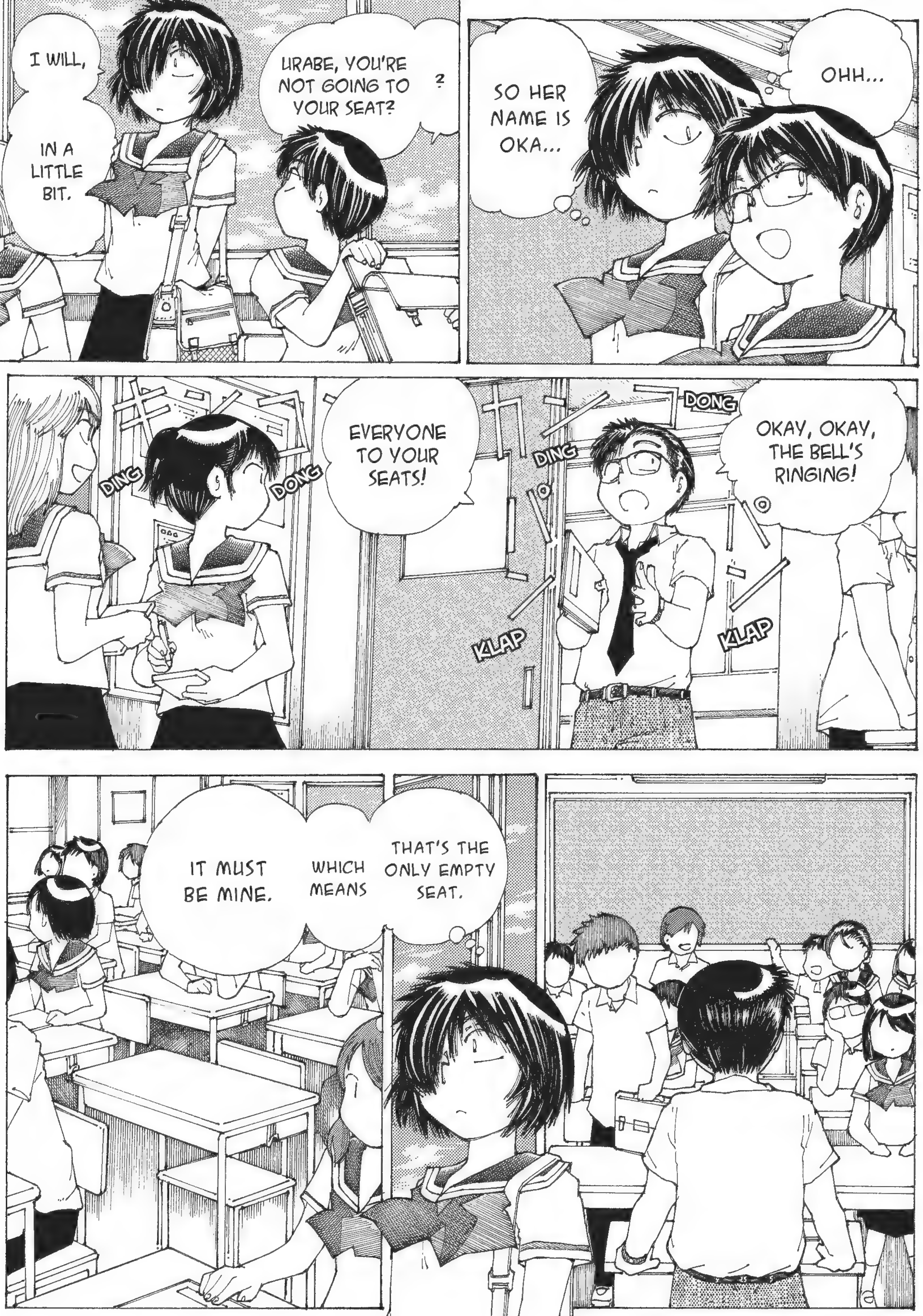
IT'S BEEN WEIRDLY THRILLING...
I WONDER WHAT WILL HAPPEN TODAY.
AH!
THUP THUP THUP
GOOOD MORNING!!
WHOOOAA!!
WHUD

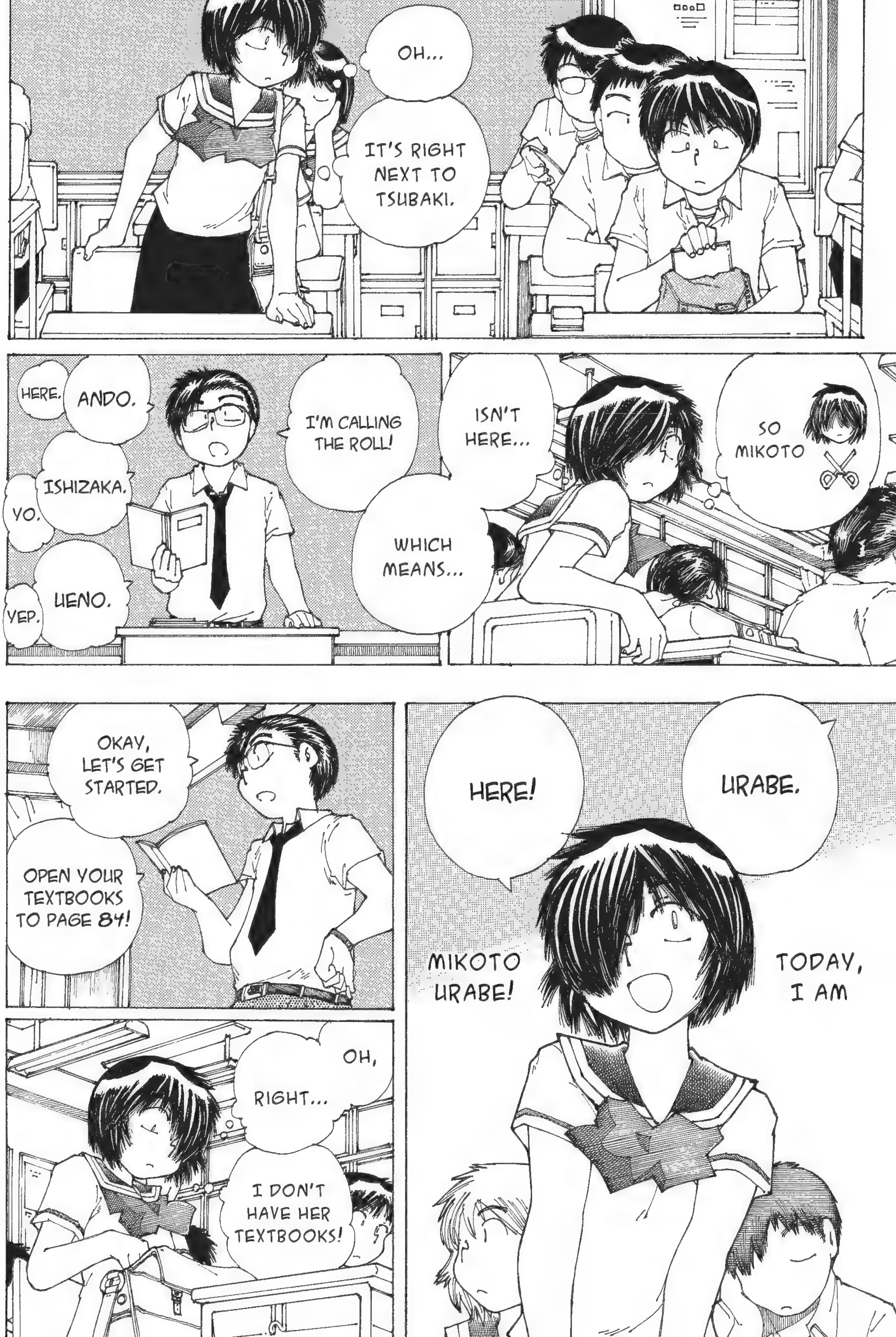

LET'S WALK TO SCHOOL TOGETHER!
URABE?!!
YEAH!
I'M MIKOTO URABE!
AND YOU'RE... TSUBAKI, RIGHT?
WHA....
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, JUMPING ON ME HERE?!
SHOVE
SOMEONE MIGHT BE WATCHING, YOU KNOW ...
HUH?
BUT YOU AND I ARE A COUPLE, AREN'T WE?
YEAH,
BUT WE'VE BEEN KEEPING THAT A SECRET FROM EVERYONE AT SCHOOL!
HUH?
WE HAVE?
YOU KNOW...

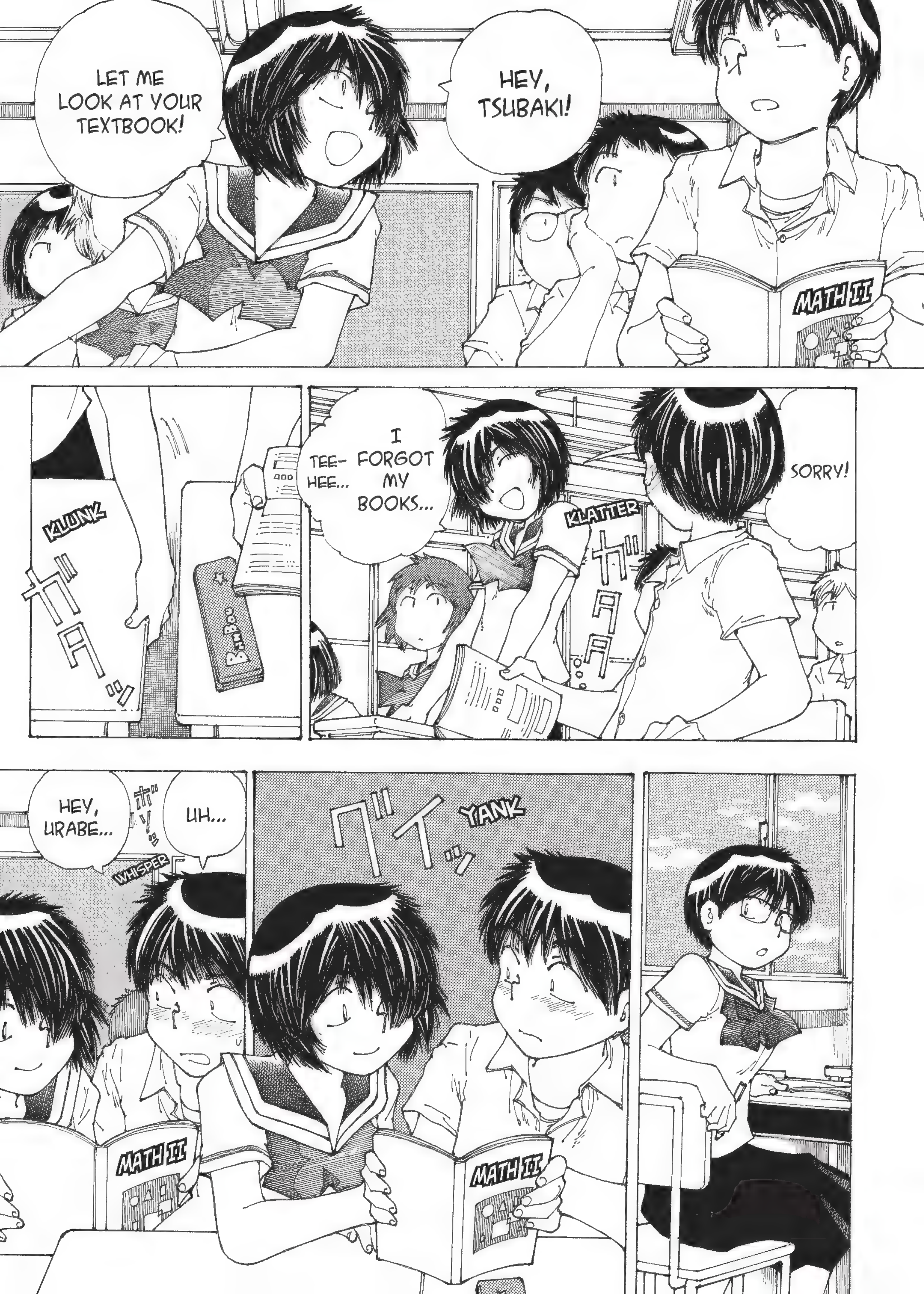

YOU'VE BEEN ACTING
KINDA WEIRD LATELY...!
A... ANY-WAY,
WAIT FOR ME AT THE USUAL PLACE AFTER SCHOOL!
WE'LL DO OUR DAILY ROUTINE!
"ROUTINE"...
OH!
YOU MEAN WHERE YOU TASTE MY DROOL!
YEAH!
LET'S DO IT!
KLAP
DON'T SAY IT SO LOUDLY...
OKAY,
I'M GONNA GO AHEAD
TO SCHOOL!

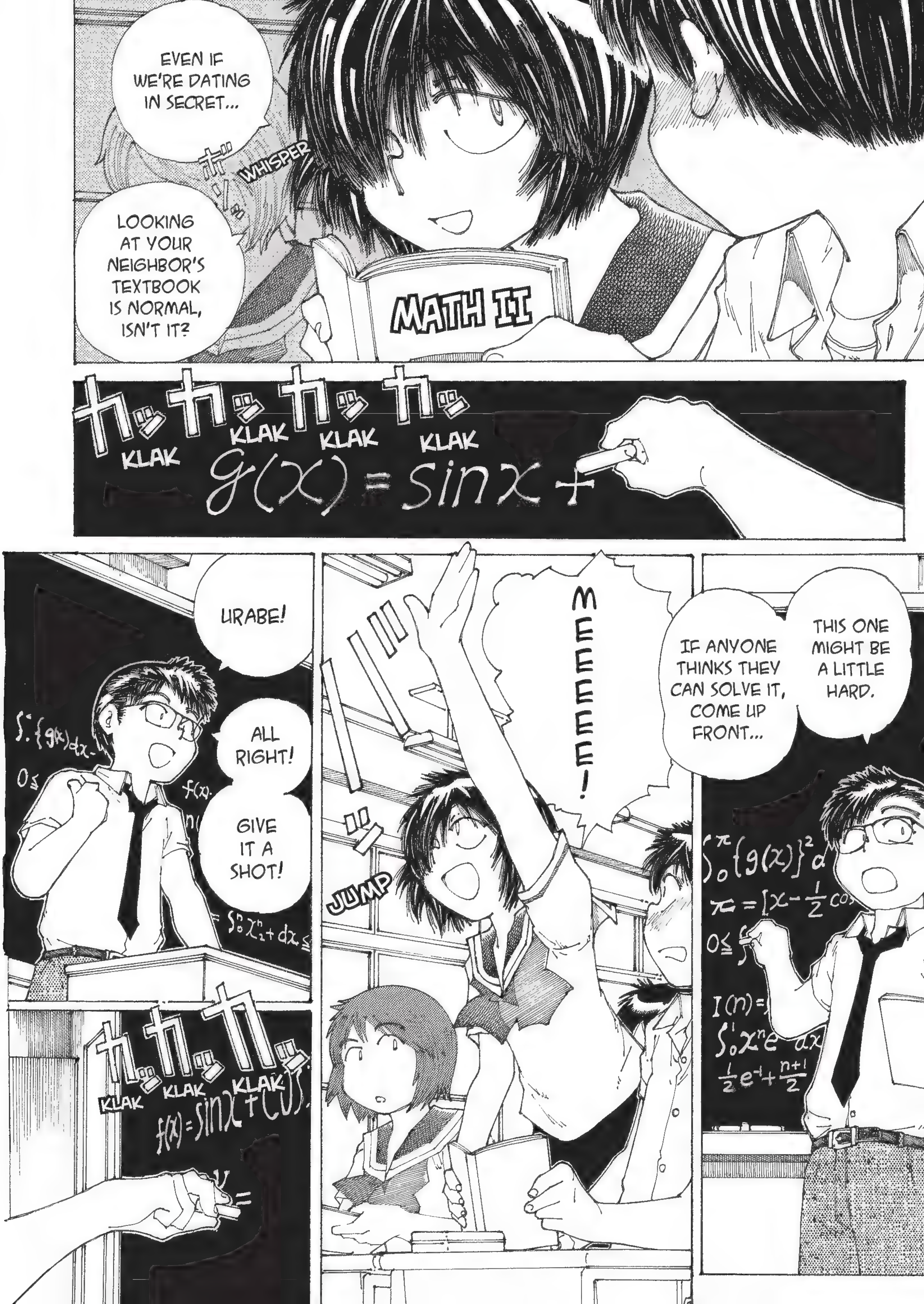

OUR "ROUTINE," HUH?
I LOOK FORWARD TO THE WALK HOME...
URABE!
URABE!
OH...
HUH?
THAT'S ME!

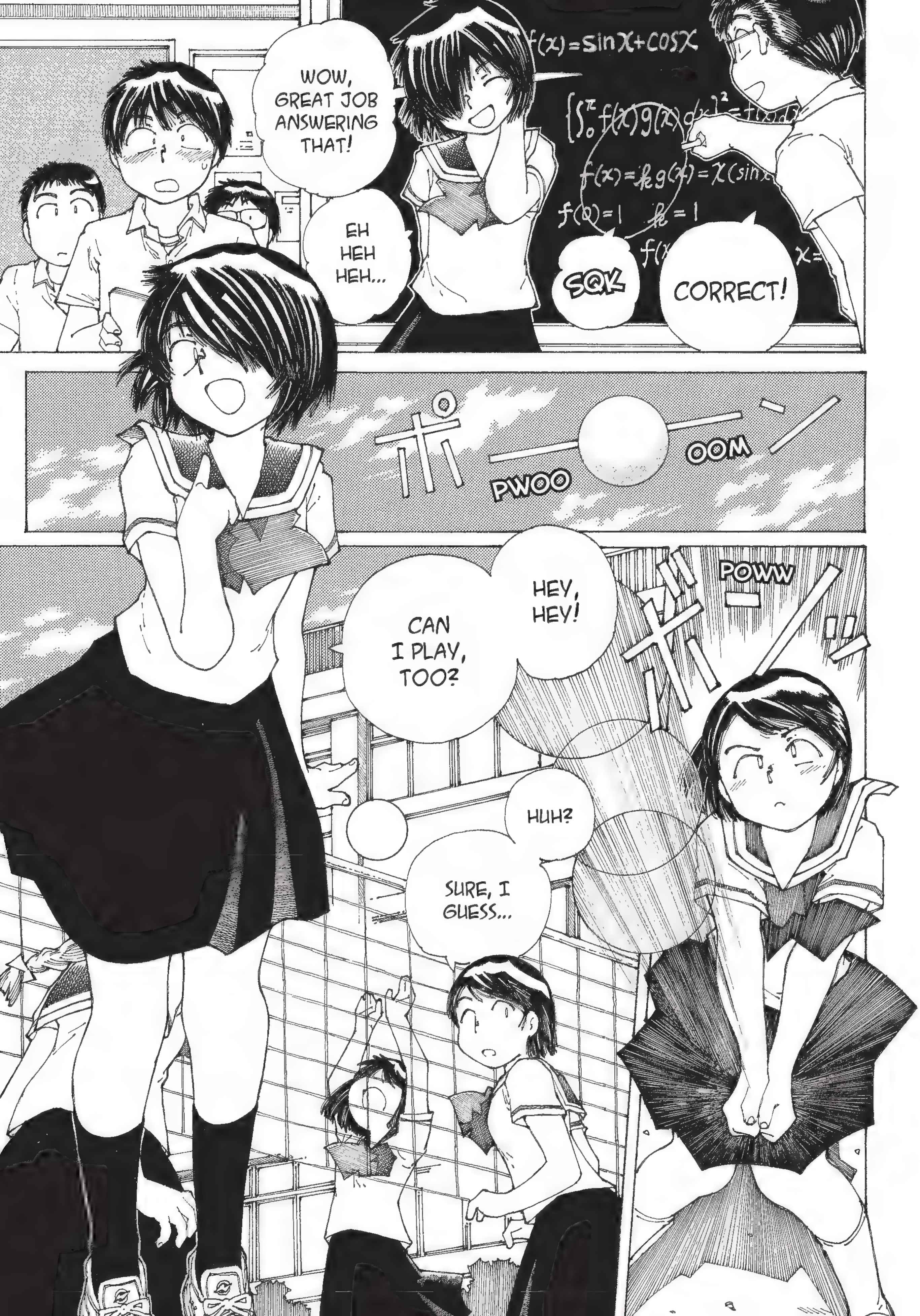

MORNING, URABE!
UHH...
YOU'RE FROM MY CLASS... RIGHT?
YEAH, OF COURSE I AM.
AH... I WAS RIGHT!
THAT'S UNUSUAL.
UH... YEAH!
YOU'RE CARRYING A DIFFERENT BAG TODAY!
I JUST FELT LIKE IT.
2-A
MORNING, OKA!
MORNING!

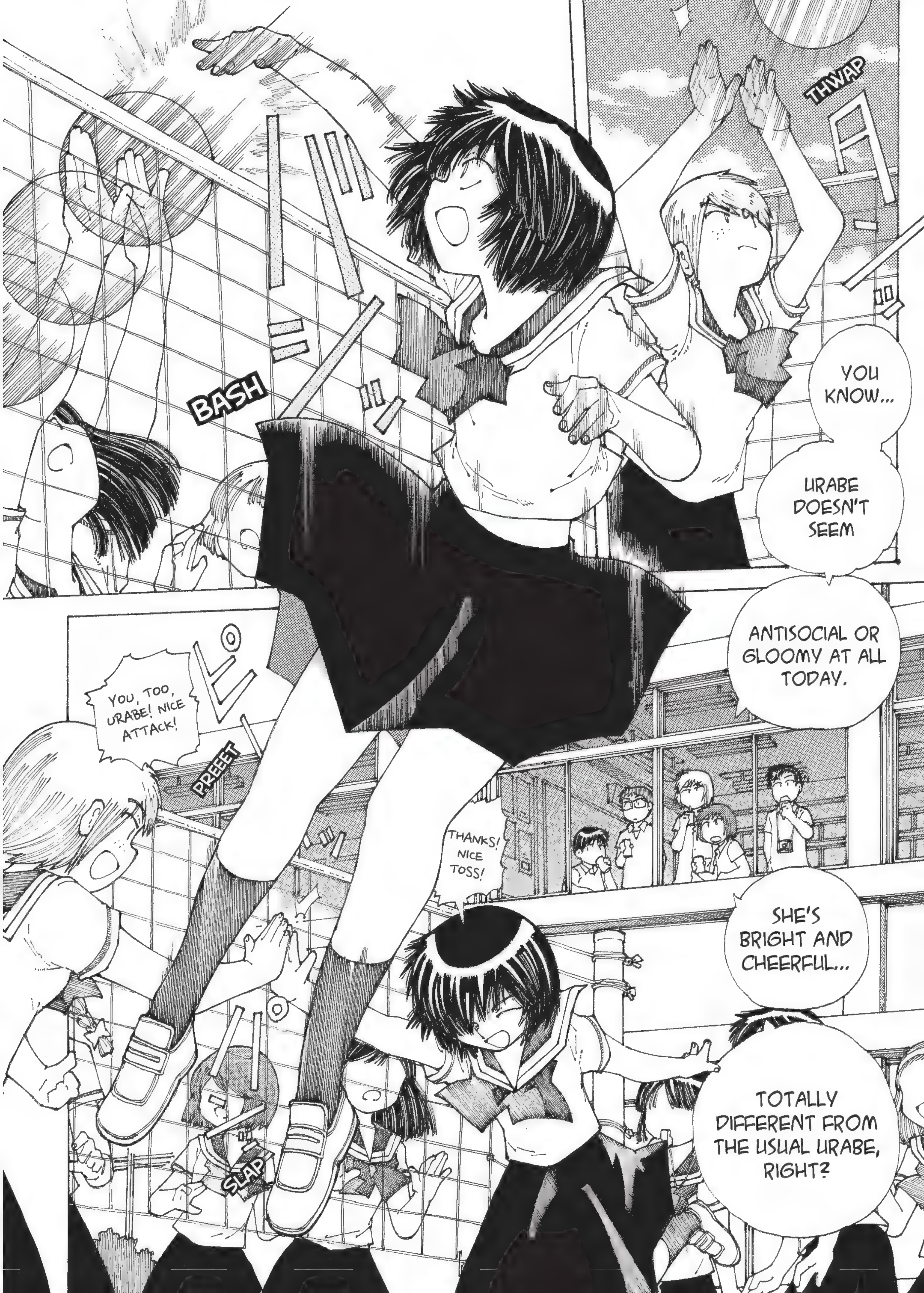

OHH...
SO HER NAME IS OKA...
URABE, YOU'RE NOT GOING TO YOUR SEAT?
?
I WILL,
IN A LITTLE BIT.
DONG
OKAY, OKAY, THE BELL'S RINGING!
DING
KLAP
KLAP
EVERYONE TO YOUR SEATS!
DONG
DING
THAT'S THE ONLY EMPTY SEAT.
WHICH MEANS
IT MUST BE MINE.

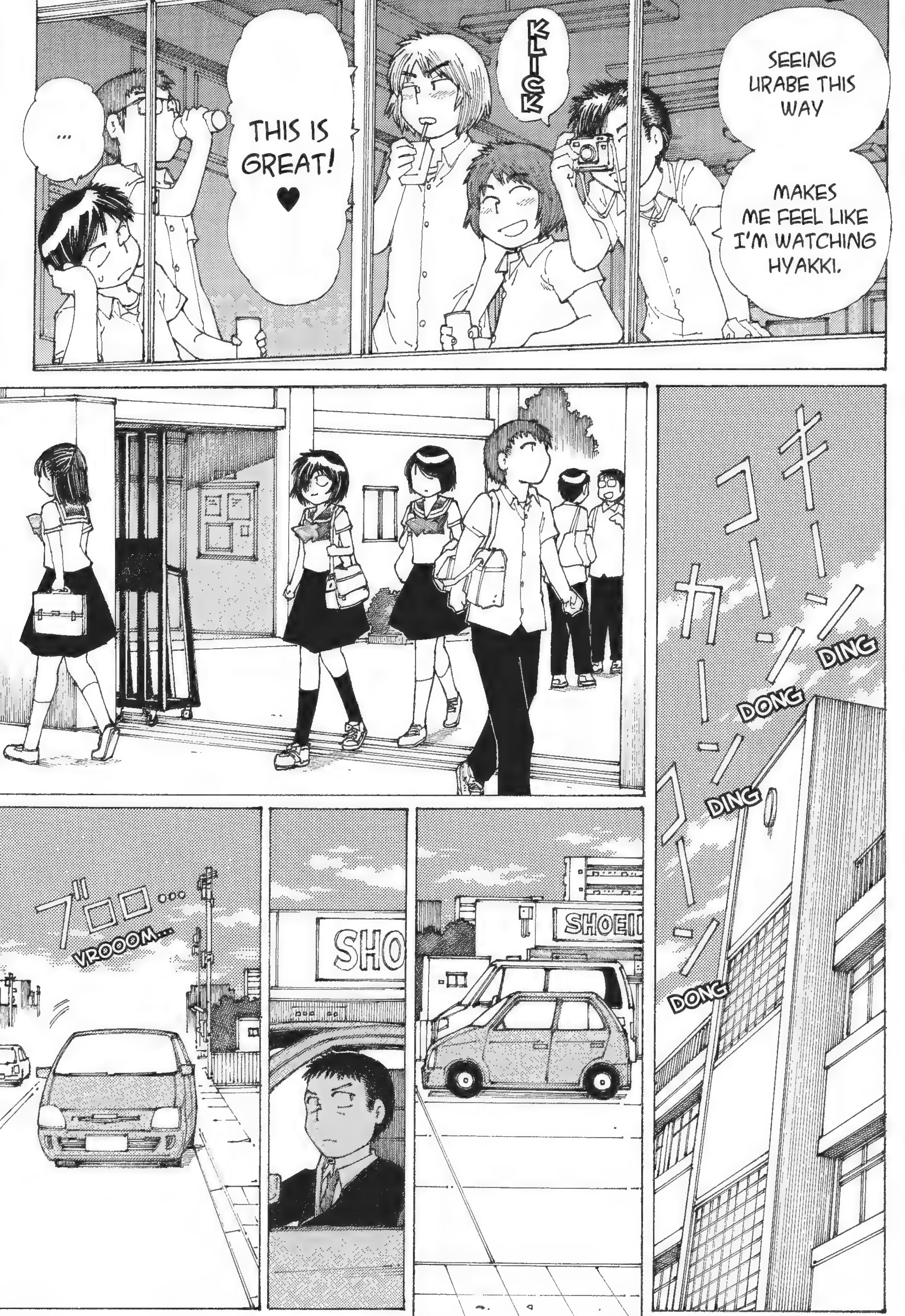

OH...
IT'S RIGHT NEXT TO TSUBAKI.
SO MIKOTO
ISN'T HERE...
WHICH MEANS...
I'M CALLING THE ROLL!
ANDO.
HERE.
ISHIZAKA.
YO.
UENO.
YEP.
URABE.
HERE!
TODAY, I AM
MIKOTO URABE!
OKAY, LET'S GET STARTED.
OPEN YOUR TEXTBOOKS TO PAGE 84!
OH, RIGHT...
I DON'T HAVE HER TEXTBOOKS!

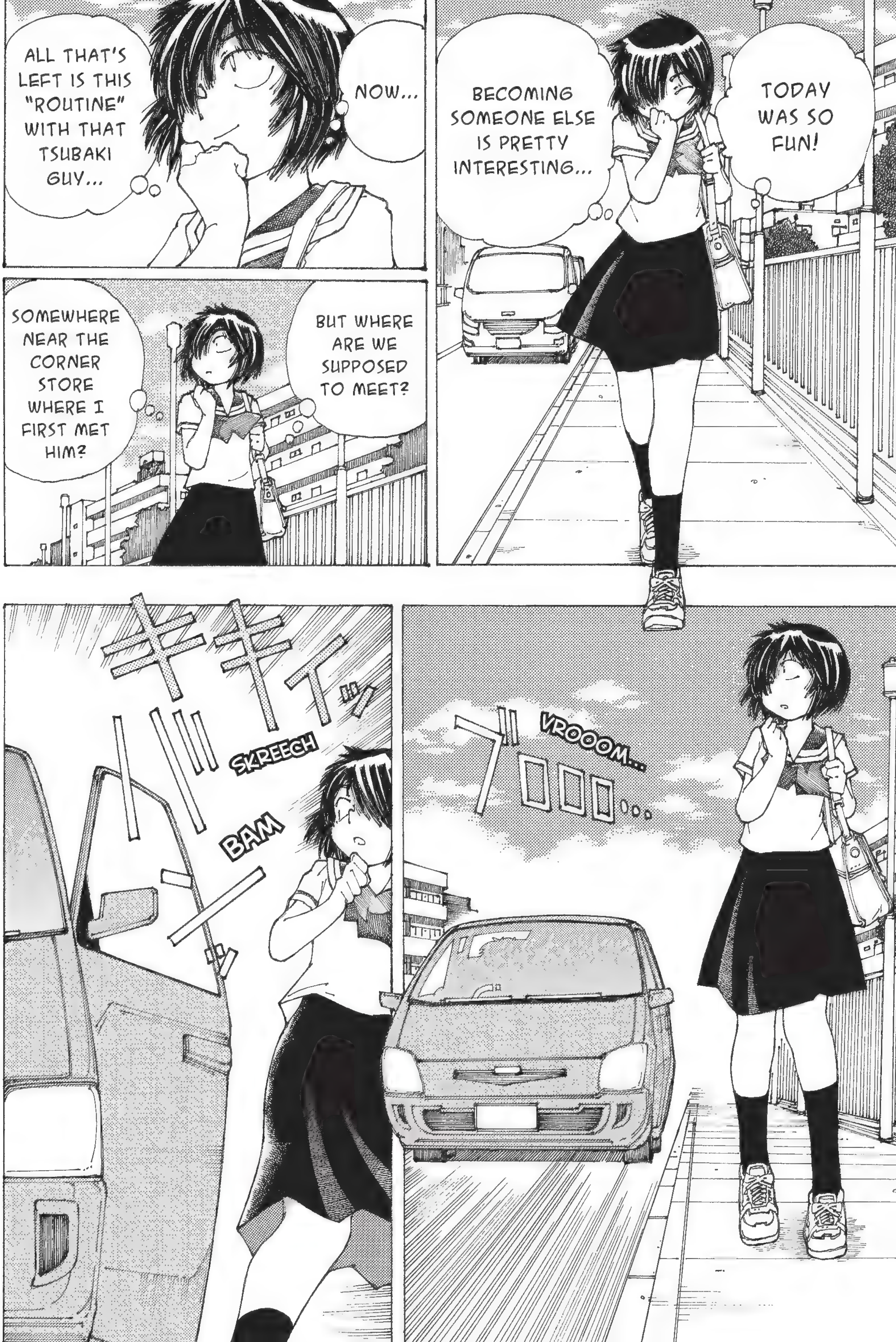

HEY, TSUBAKI!
LET ME LOOK AT YOUR TEXTBOOK!
MATH II
SORRY!
TEE-HEE... I FORGOT MY BOOKS...
KLATTER
ガタタ
KLUNK
ガタッ
BinBou
YANK
グイッ
MATH II
MATH II
UH...
WHISPER
ボソッ
HEY, URABE...

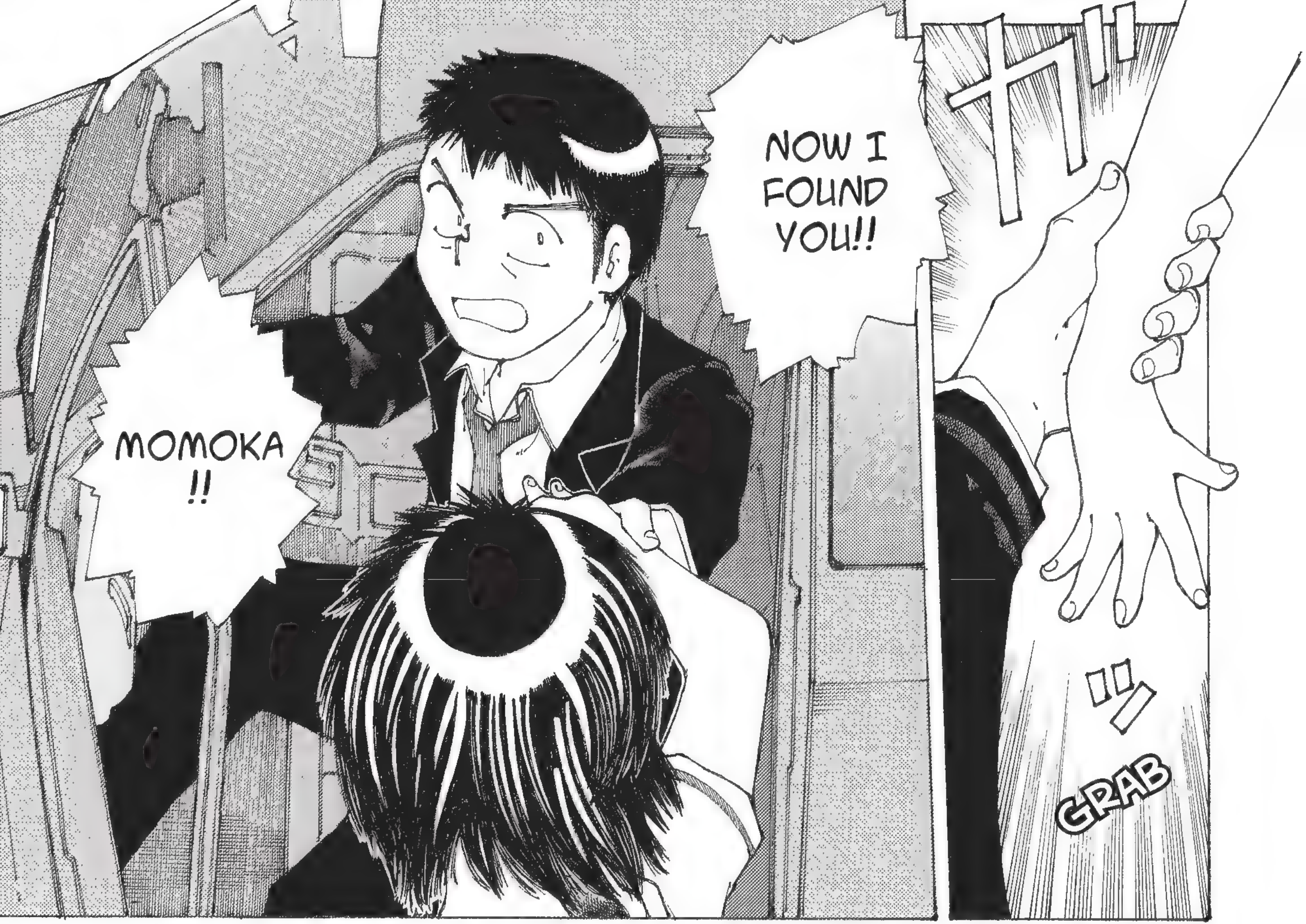

EVEN IF WE'RE DATING IN SECRET...
ボソ
WHISPER
LOOKING AT YOUR NEIGHBOR'S TEXTBOOK IS NORMAL, ISN'T IT?
MATH II
カッカッカッカッ
KLAK KLAK KLAK KLAK
g(x) = sin x +
THIS ONE MIGHT BE A LITTLE HARD.
IF ANYONE THINKS THEY CAN SOLVE IT, COME UP FRONT...
I(n) =
MEEEEEE!
JUMP
URABE!
ALL RIGHT!
GIVE IT A SHOT!
カッカッカッ
KLAK KLAK KLAK
f(x) = sin x + (...

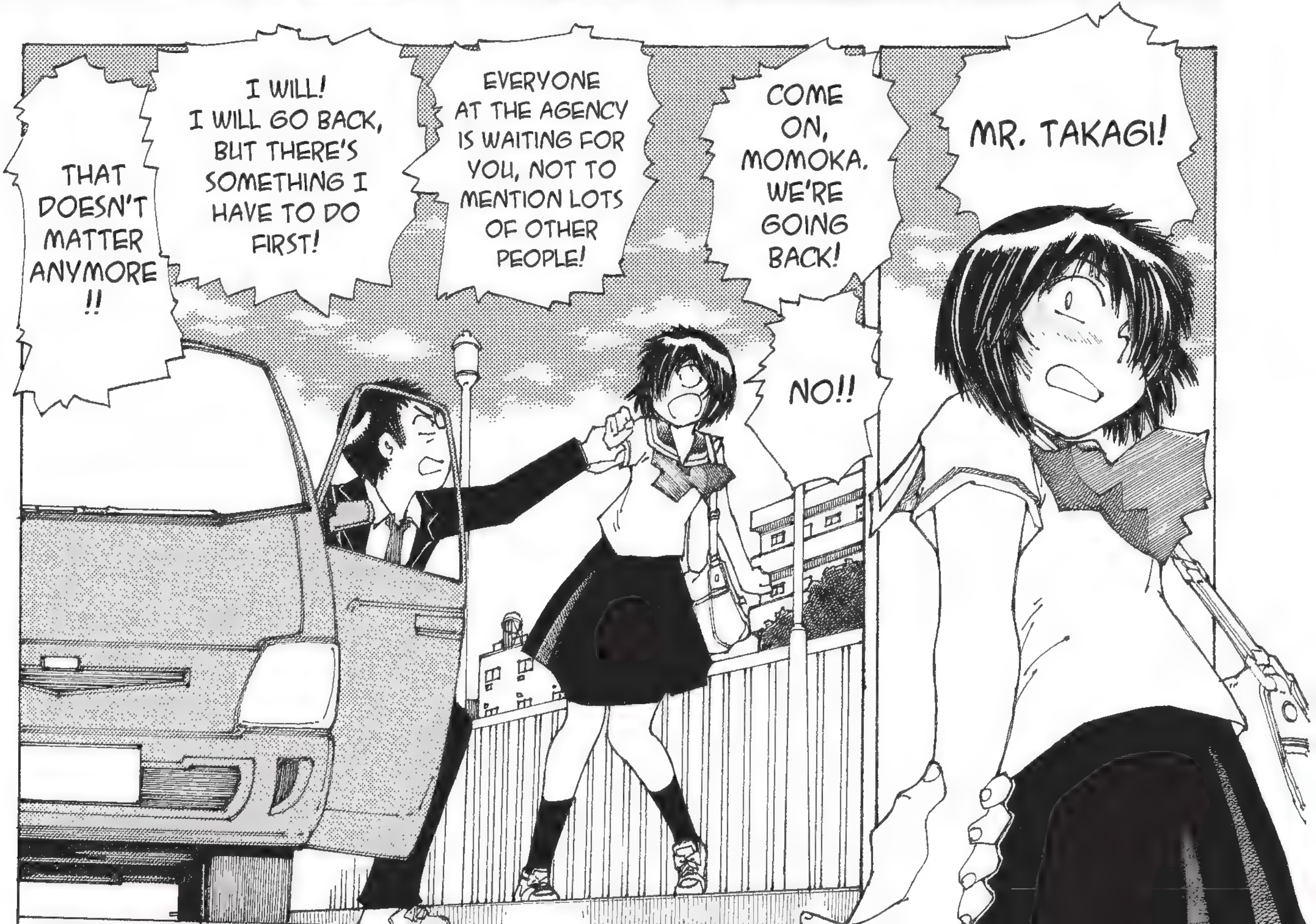

f(x)=sinx+cosx
CORRECT!
SQK
WOW, GREAT JOB ANSWERING THAT!
EH HEH HEH...
ポ
PWOO
OOM
POWW
HEY, HEY!
CAN I PLAY, TOO?
HUH?
SURE, I GUESS...

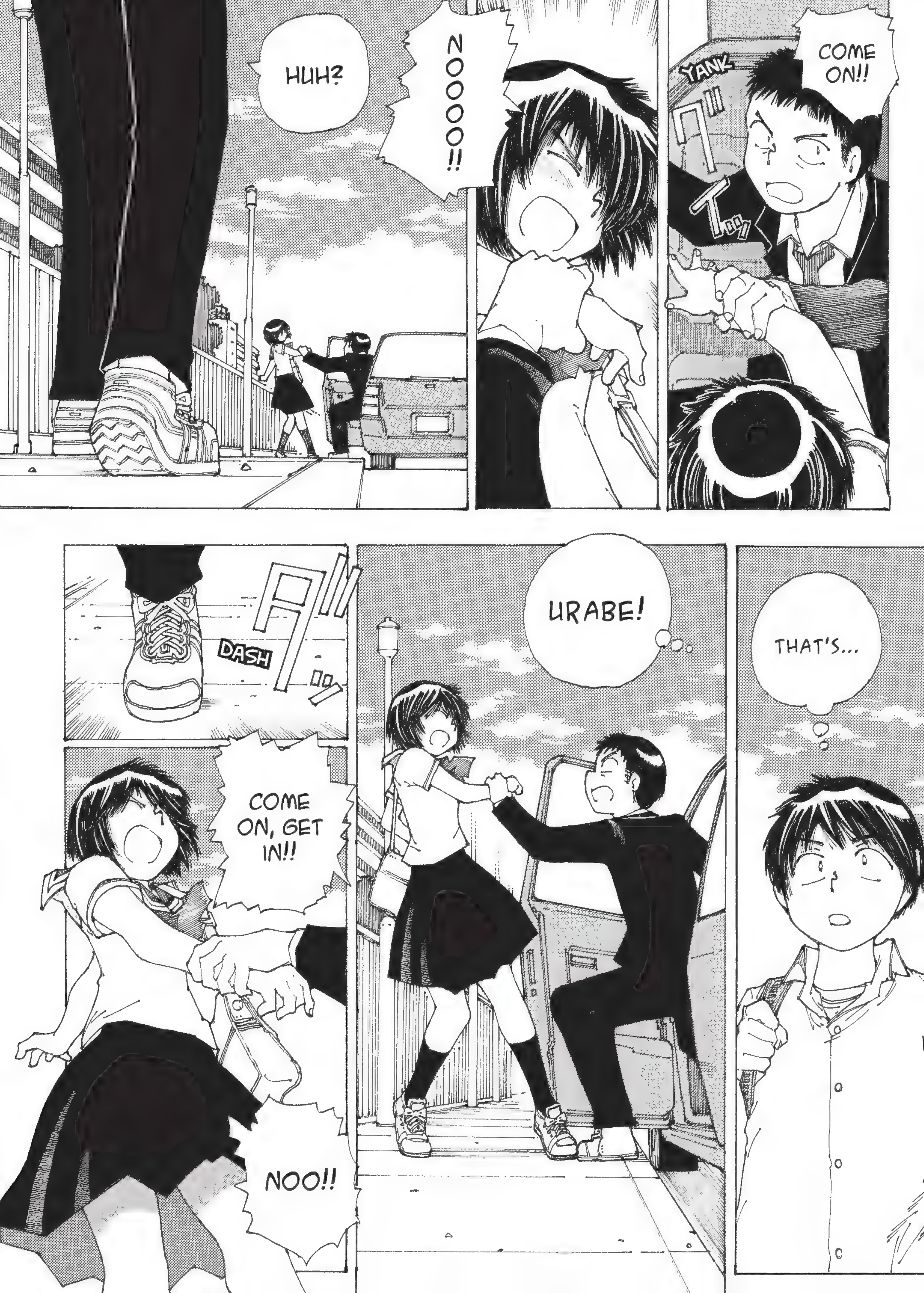

THWAP
YOU KNOW...
URABE DOESN'T SEEM
ANTISOCIAL OR GLOOMY AT ALL TODAY.
BASH
THANKS! NICE TOSS!
YOU, TOO, URABE! NICE ATTACK!
PREEET
SHE'S BRIGHT AND CHEERFUL...
TOTALLY DIFFERENT FROM THE USUAL URABE, RIGHT?
SLAP


SEEING URABE THIS WAY
MAKES ME FEEL LIKE I'M WATCHING HYAKKI.
KLICK
THIS IS GREAT! ♥
...
キーンコーンカーンコーン
DING
DONG
DING
DONG
SHOEI
SHO
ブロロ…
VROOOM...

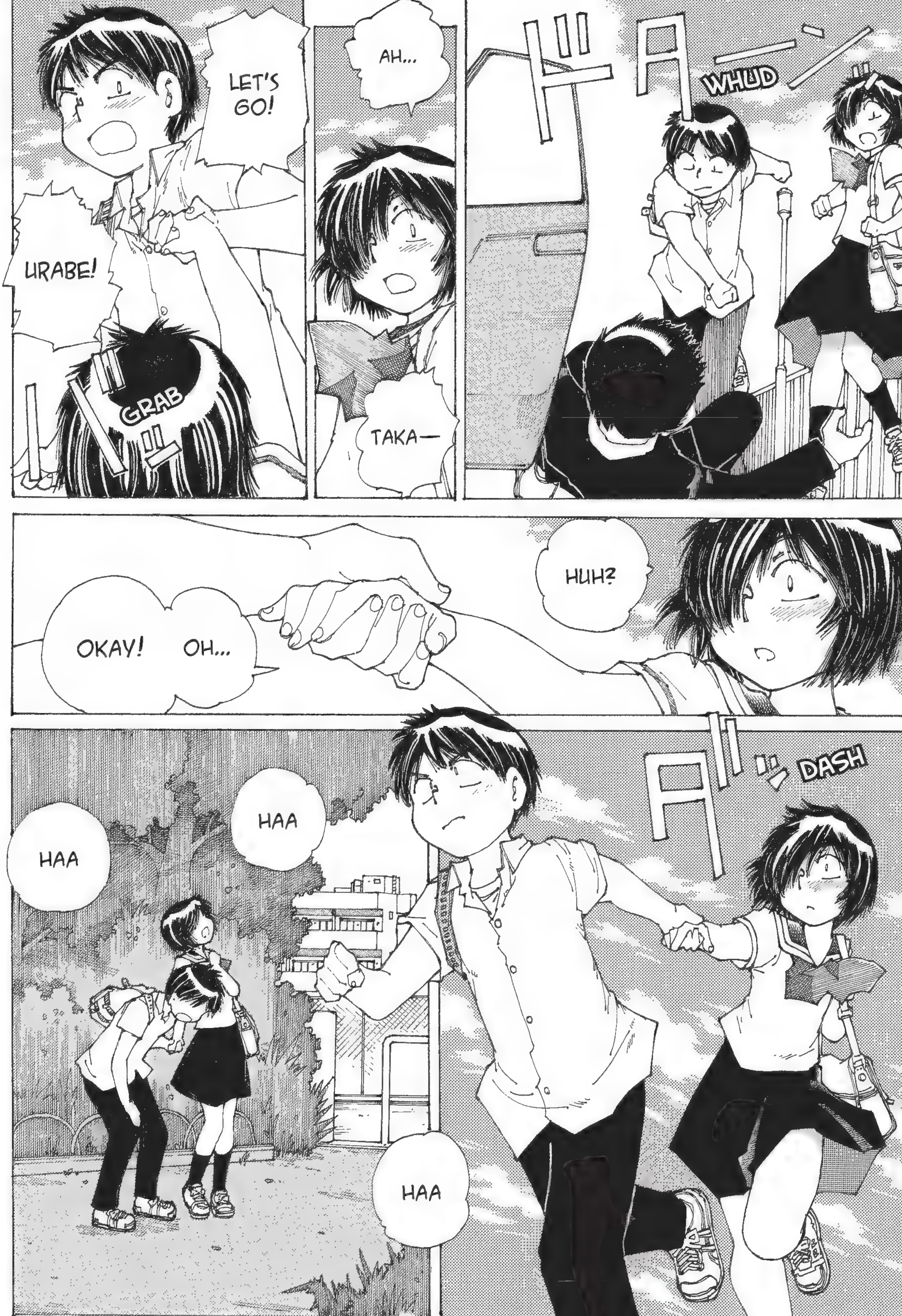

TODAY WAS SO FUN!
BECOMING SOMEONE ELSE IS PRETTY INTERESTING...
NOW...
ALL THAT'S LEFT IS THIS "ROUTINE" WITH THAT TSUBAKI GUY...
BUT WHERE ARE WE SUPPOSED TO MEET?
SOMEWHERE NEAR THE CORNER STORE WHERE I FIRST MET HIM?
ブロロロ...
VROOOM...
キキイッ
SKREECH
BAM

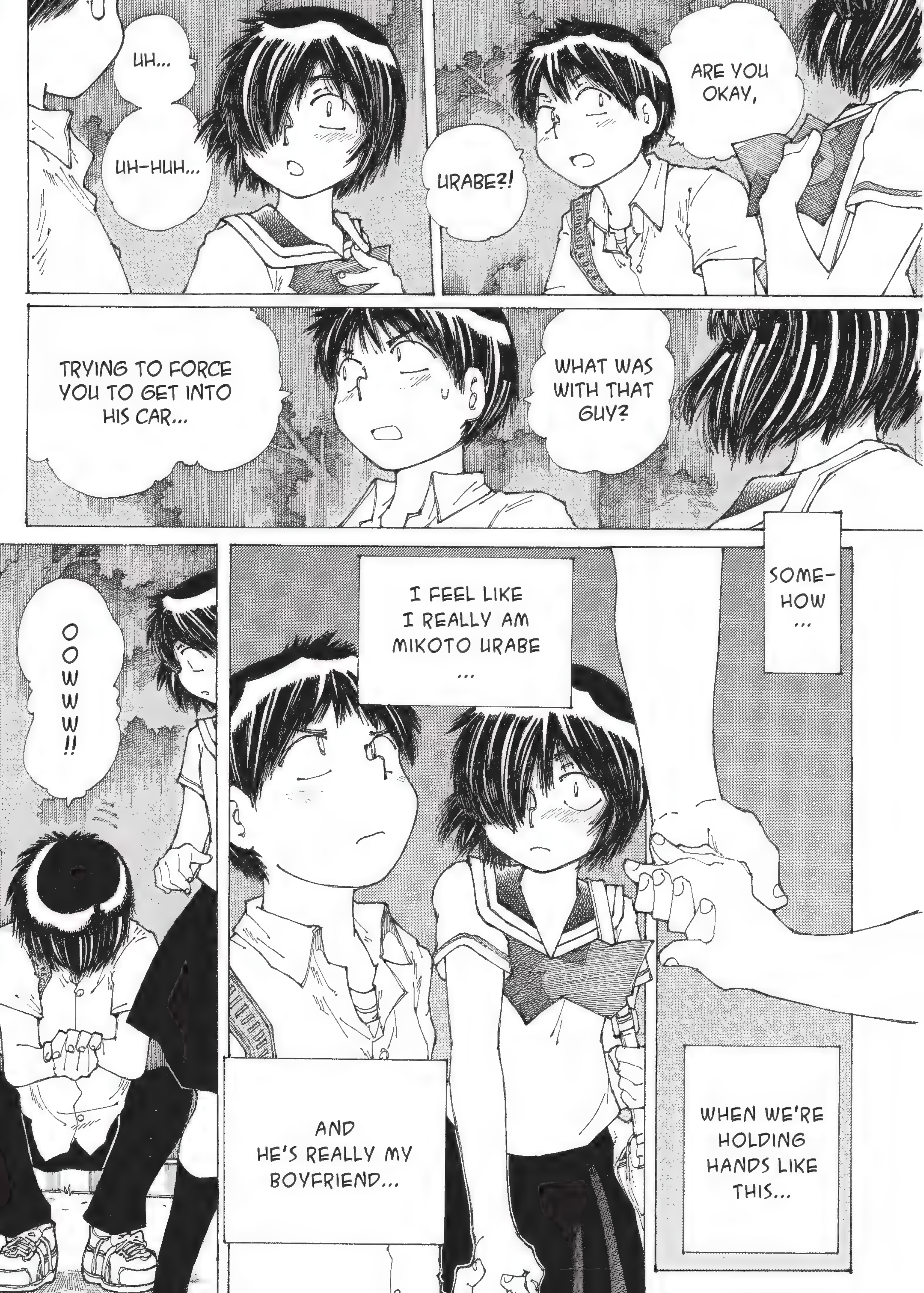

ガッ
NOW I FOUND YOU!!
MOMOKA!!
GRAB

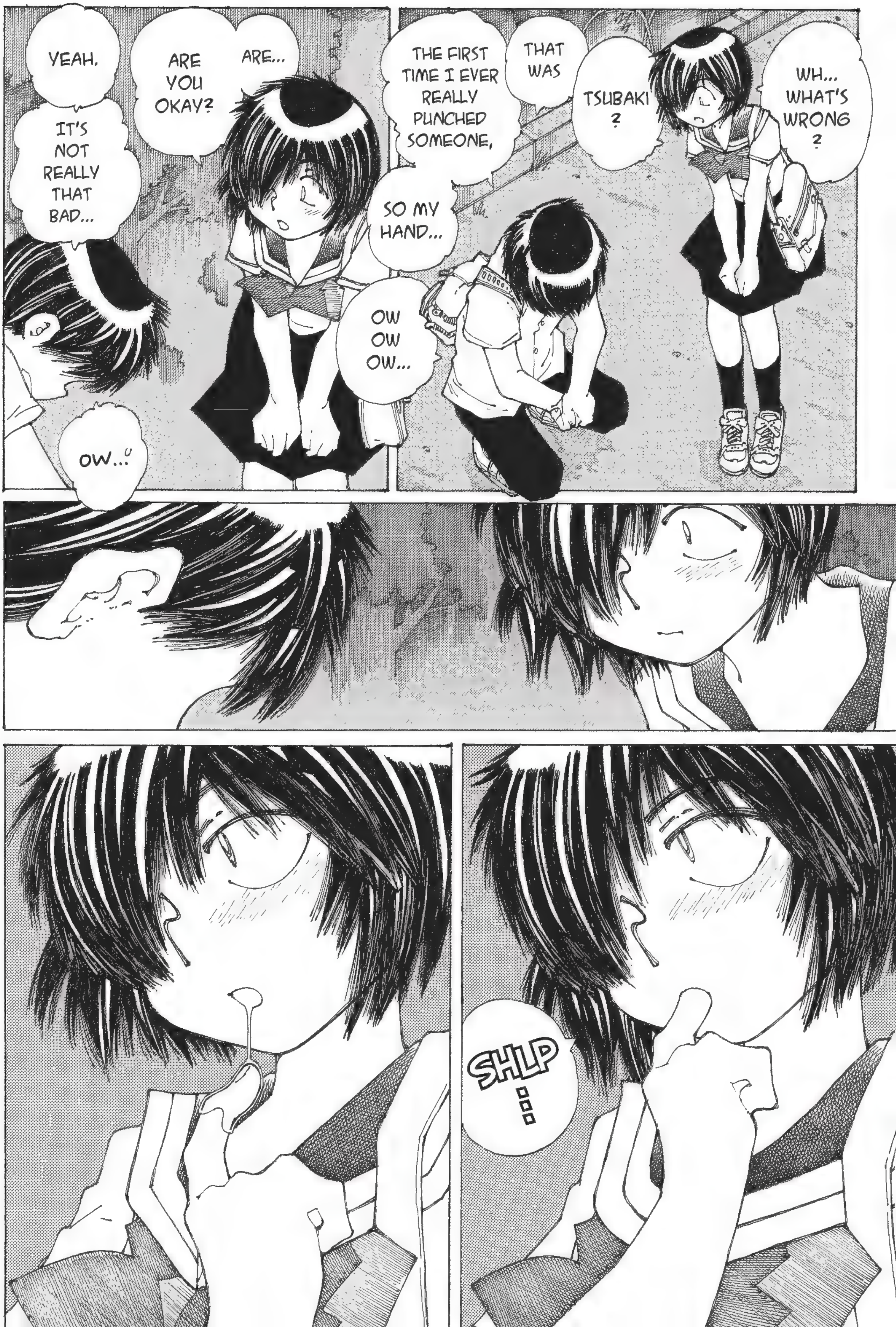

MR. TAKAGI!
COME ON, MOMOKA. WE'RE GOING BACK!
NO!!
EVERYONE AT THE AGENCY IS WAITING FOR YOU, NOT TO MENTION LOTS OF OTHER PEOPLE!
I WILL! I WILL GO BACK, BUT THERE'S SOMETHING I HAVE TO DO FIRST!
THAT DOESN'T MATTER ANYMORE!!

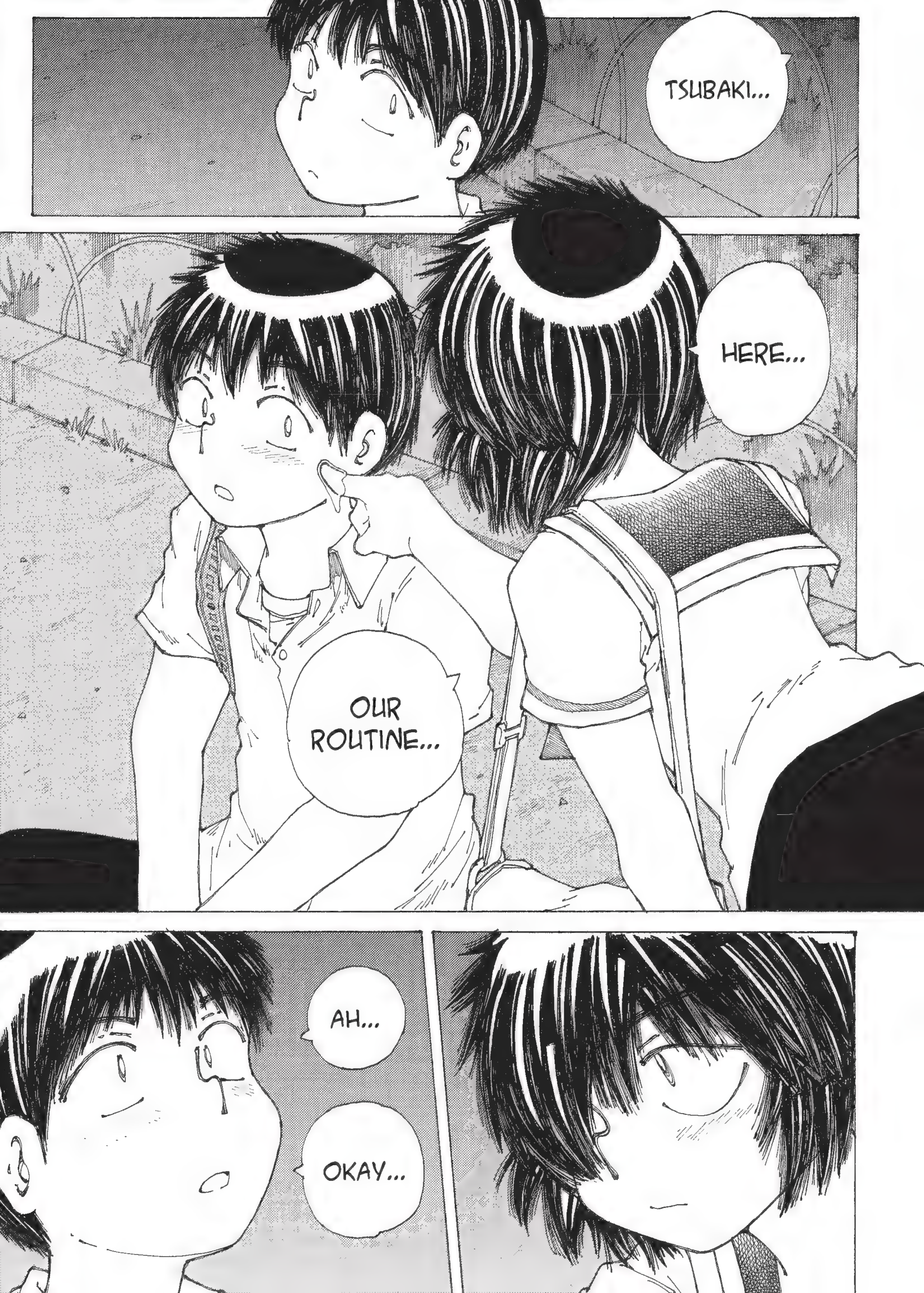

COME ON!!
YANK
NOOOOO!!
HUH?
THAT'S...
URABE!
DASH
COME ON, GET IN!!
NOO!!

THUP
THUP
THUP
THUP
THUP
THUP
THUP
HUH?
GET YOUR HANDS OFF
MY GIRLFRIEND!!
KAPOW

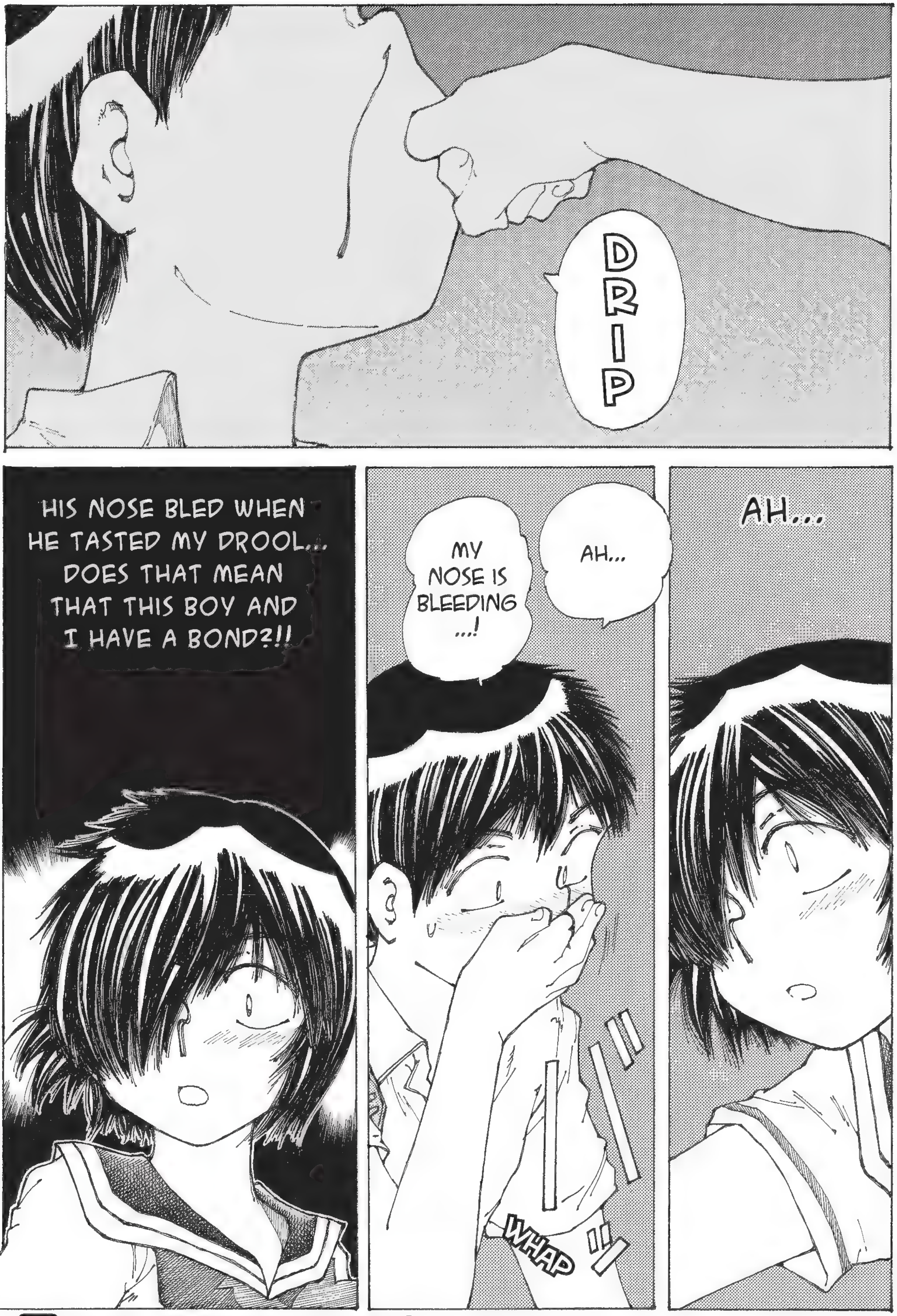

URABE!
GRAB
LET'S GO!
AH...
TAKA—
WHUD
HUH?
OKAY! OH...
DASH
HAA
HAA
HAA


ARE YOU OKAY,
URABE?!
UH...
UH-HUH...
WHAT WAS WITH THAT GUY?
TRYING TO FORCE YOU TO GET INTO HIS CAR...
SOMEHOW...
I FEEL LIKE I REALLY AM MIKOTO URABE...
WHEN WE'RE HOLDING HANDS LIKE THIS...
AND HE'S REALLY MY BOYFRIEND...
OOWWW!!


WH... WHAT'S WRONG?
TSUBAKI?
THAT WAS
THE FIRST TIME I EVER REALLY PUNCHED SOMEONE,
SO MY HAND...
OW OW OW...
ARE...
ARE YOU OKAY?
YEAH.
IT'S NOT REALLY THAT BAD...
OW...
SHLP...


TSUBAKI...
HERE...
OUR ROUTINE...
AH...
OKAY...

SUKK...

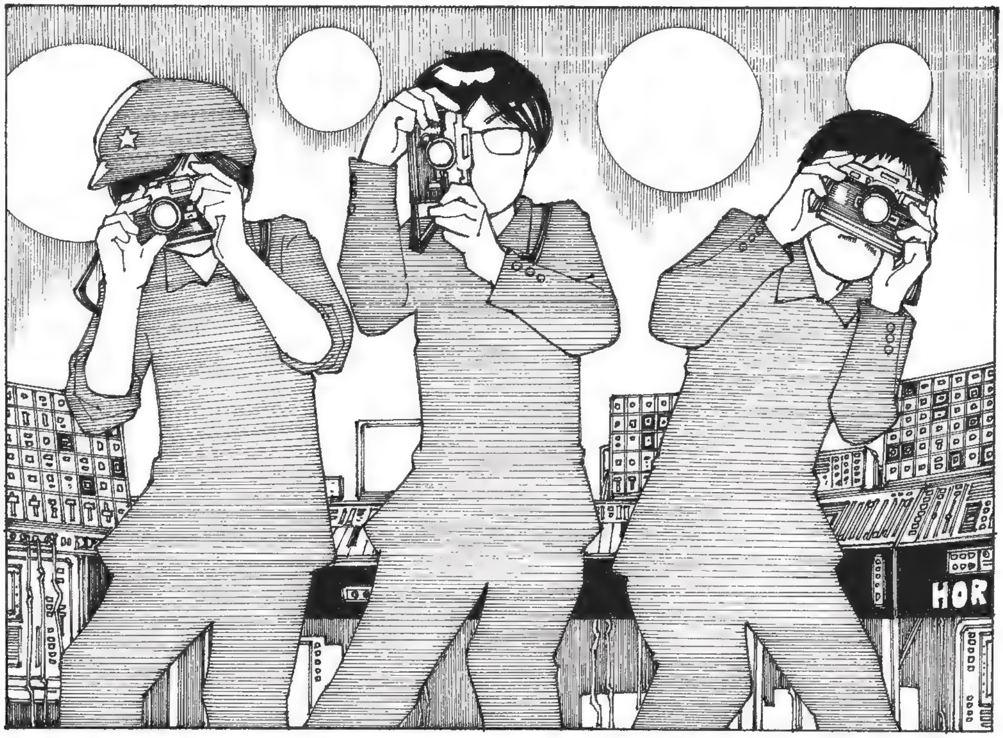

DRIP
AH...
AH...
MY NOSE IS BLEEDING ...!
WHAP
HIS NOSE BLED WHEN HE TASTED MY DROOL... DOES THAT MEAN THAT THIS BOY AND I HAVE A BOND?!!

END OF CHAPTER 42

MY IDOL: ③

YMO (YELLOW MAGIC ORCHESTRA)

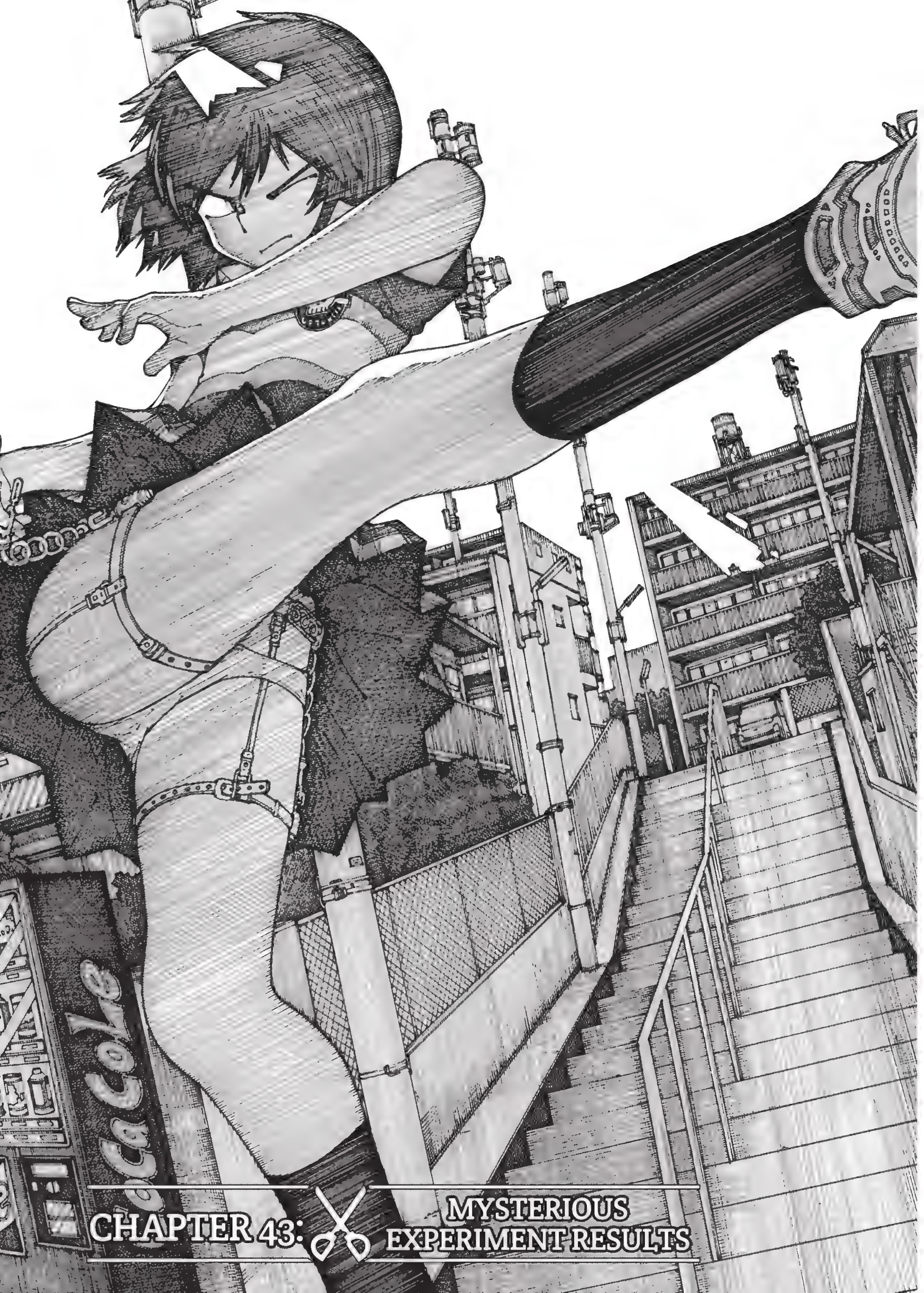
HARUOMI HOSONO (1947-), RYUUICHI SAKAMOTO (1952-), YUKIHIRO TAKAHASHI (1952-)



I've been listening to YMO since I was a teenager, and I still listen to them while I work! In the 80's, when I was in middle school, I'm sure there were many boys and girls throughout Japan, who, when asked who they'd want to reborn as, answered in all seriousness with Hosono, the "Professor," or Yukihiro.

They're definitely idols to me.

By the way, I've also been listening to Hatsune Miku's YMO cover album, "HMO→Hatsune Miku Orchestra," a lot lately. My favorite songs from that album are "Propaganda," "Behind the Mask," "La Femme Chinoise," and "Nice Age."



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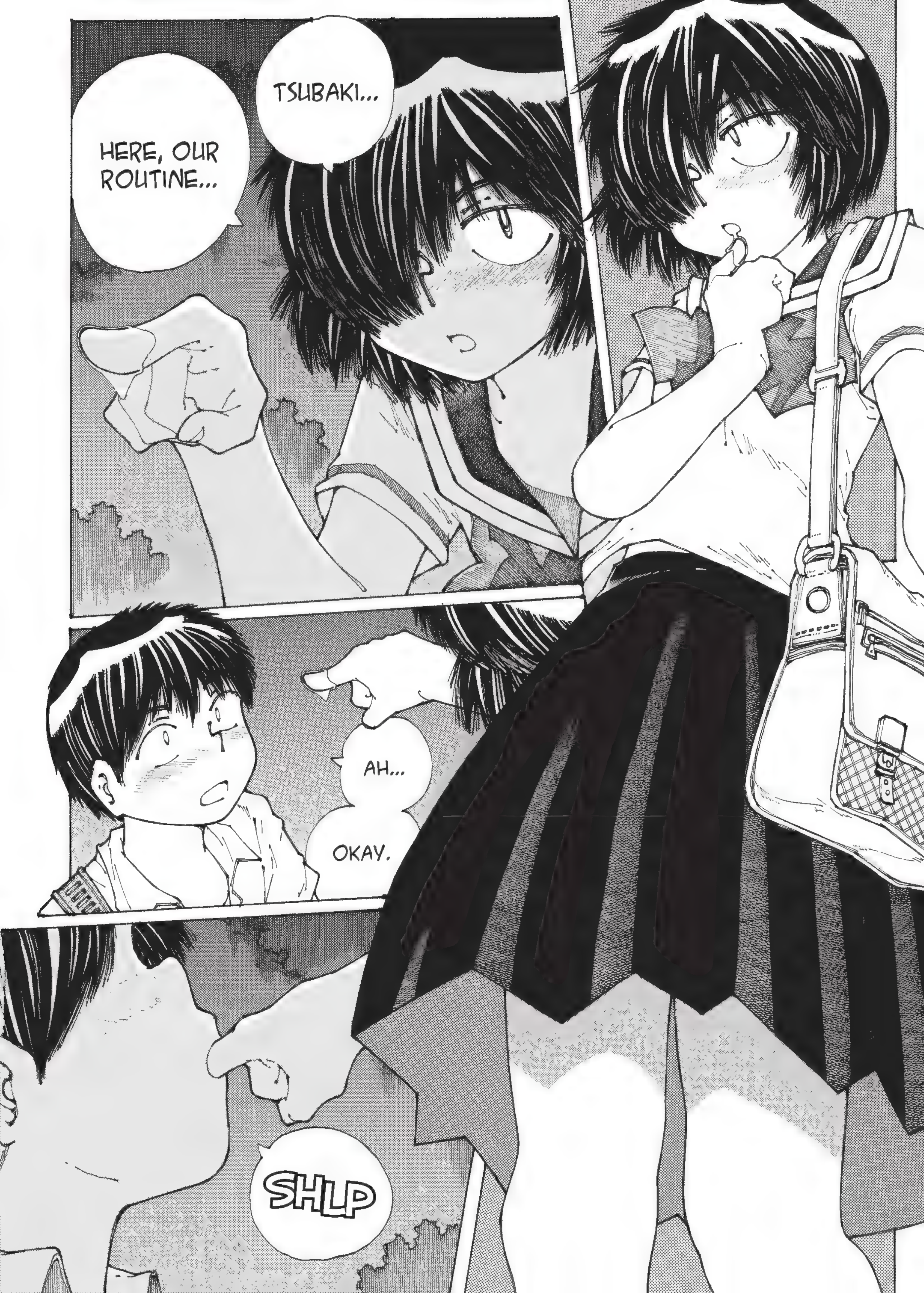
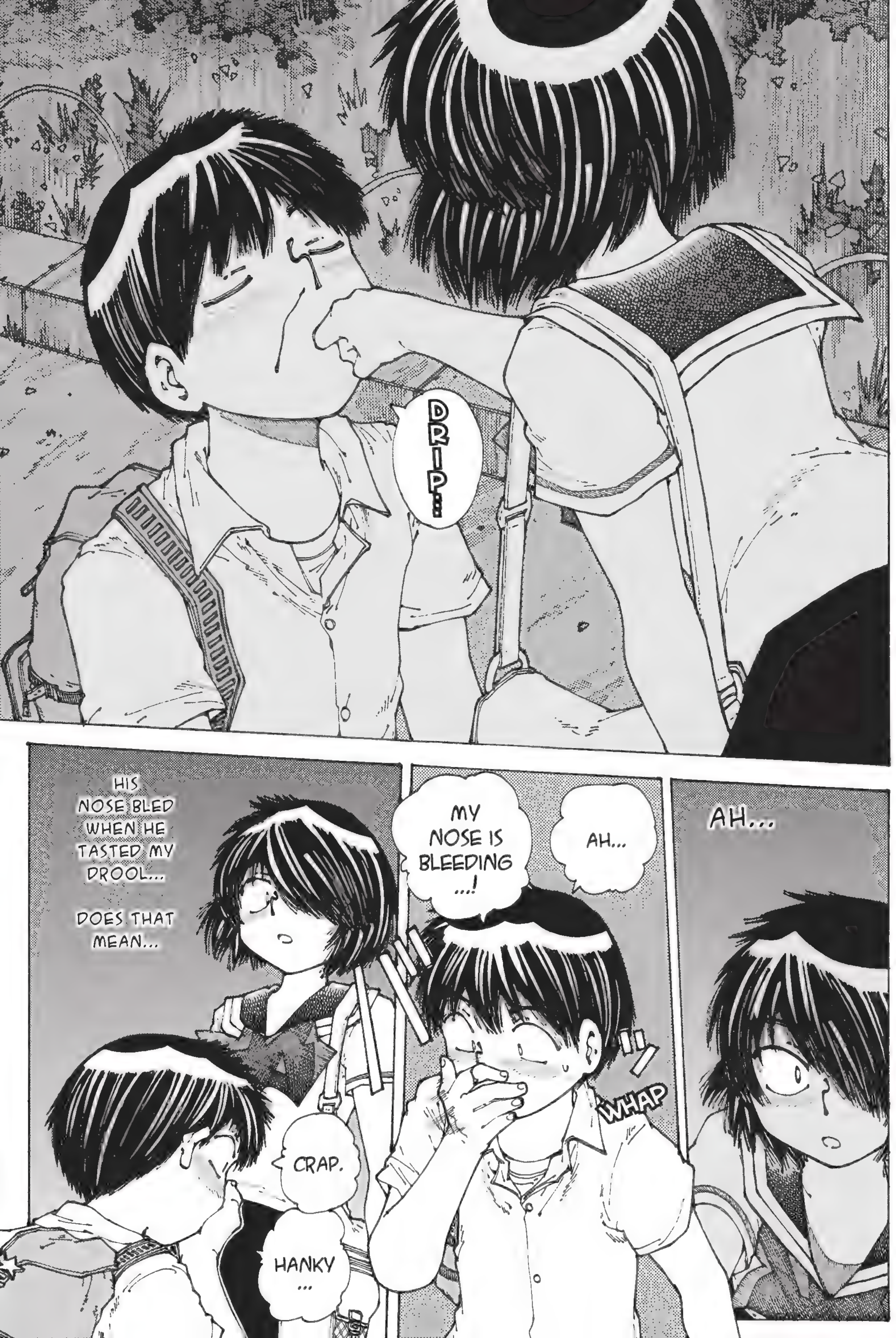
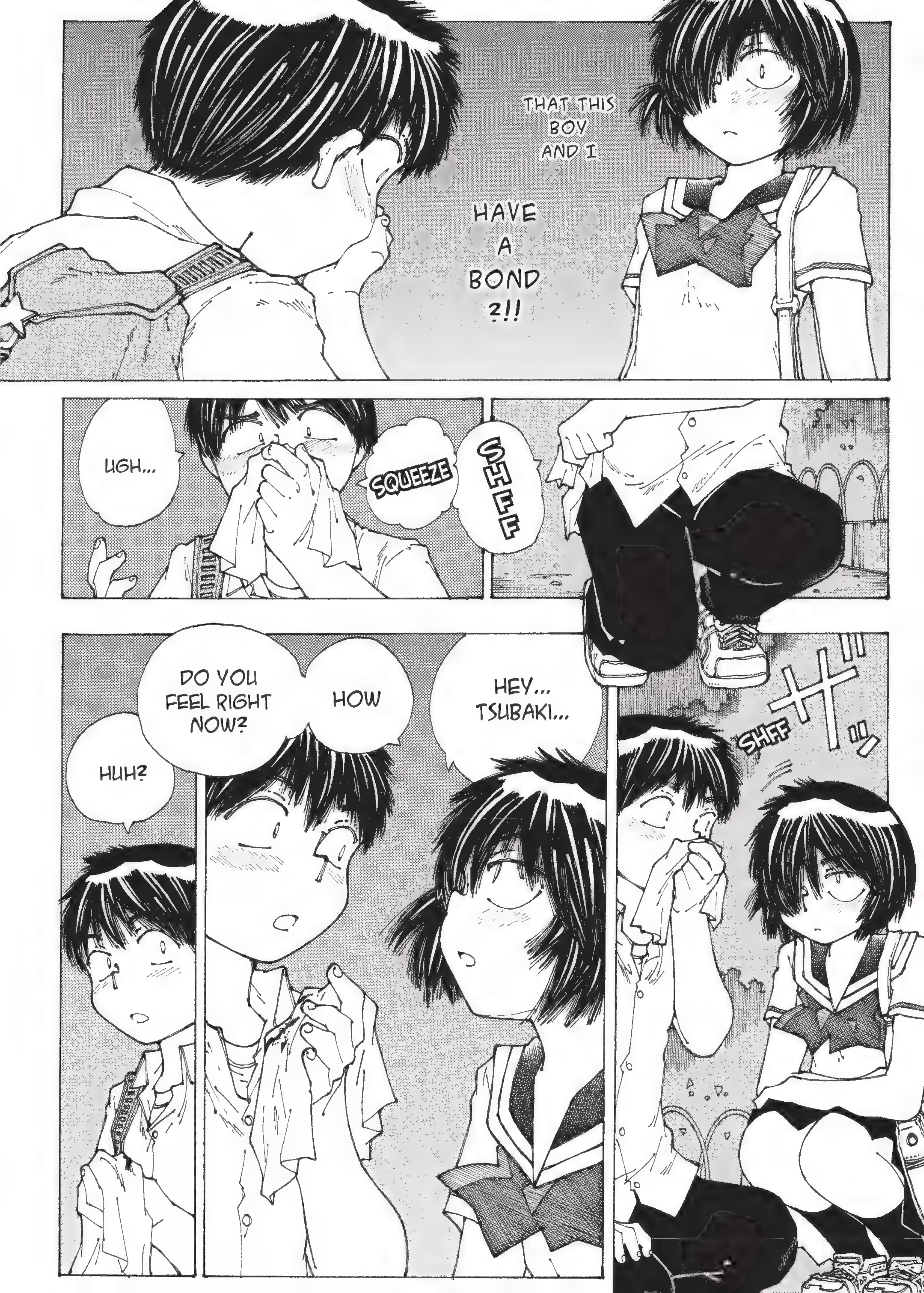
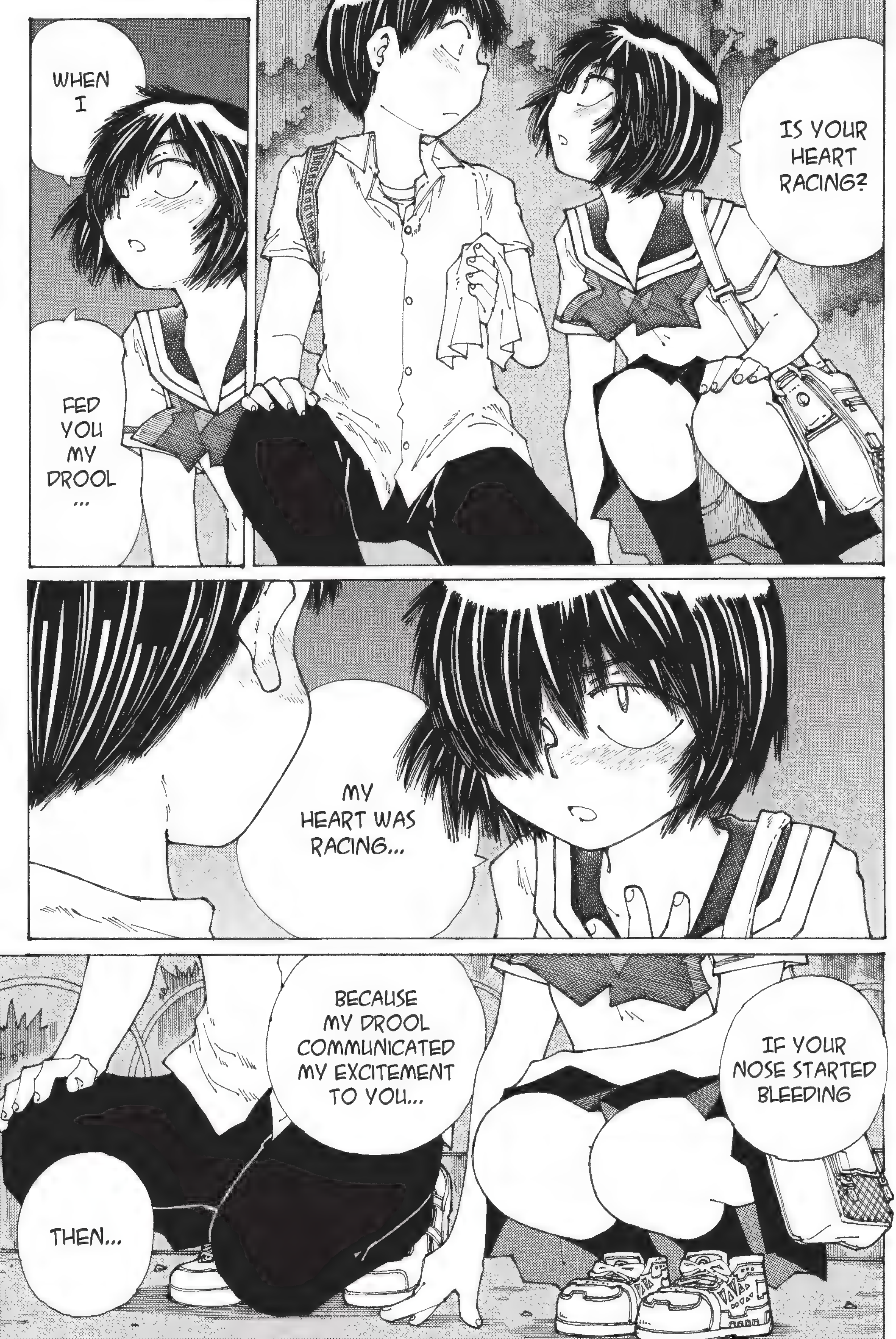
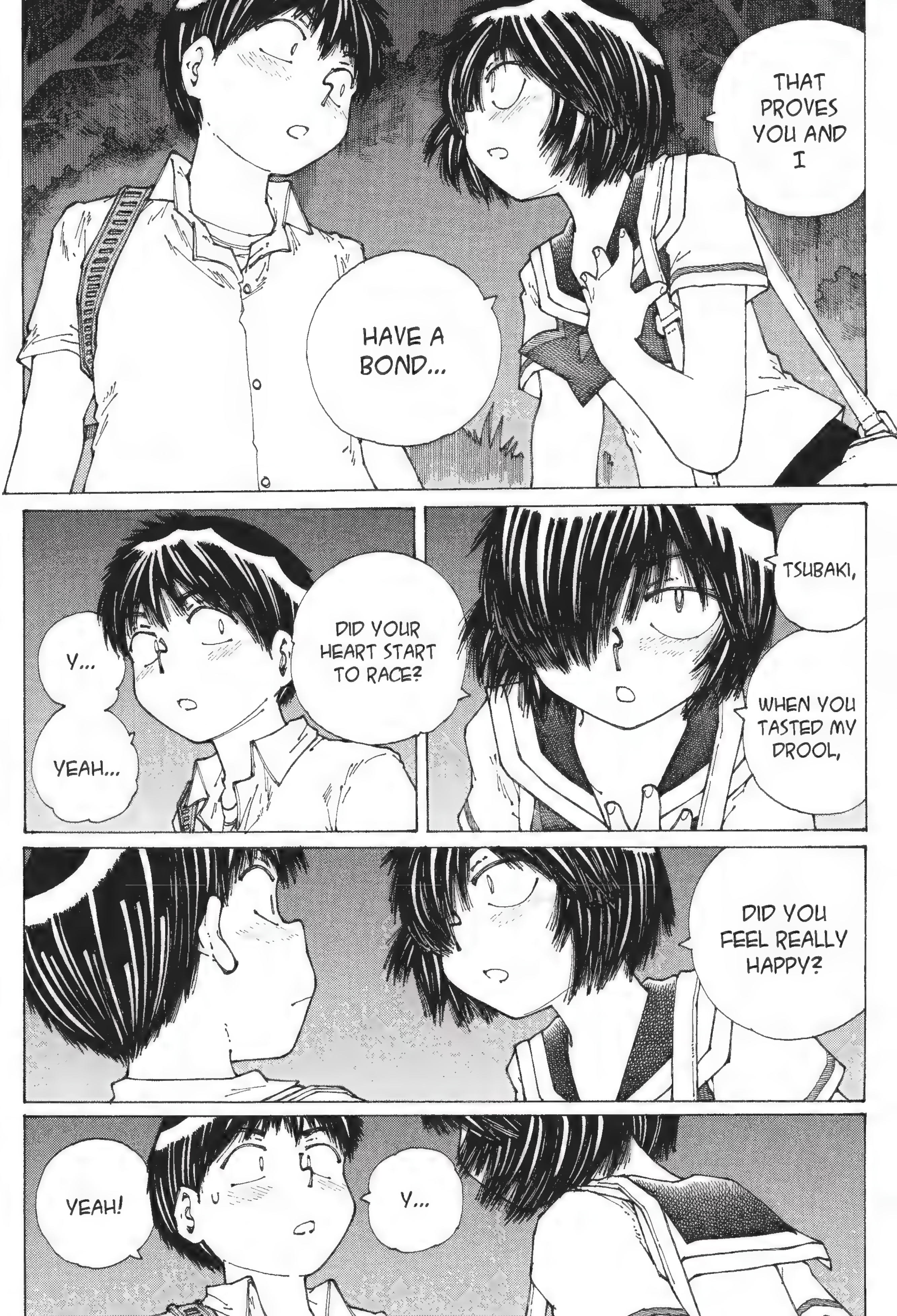
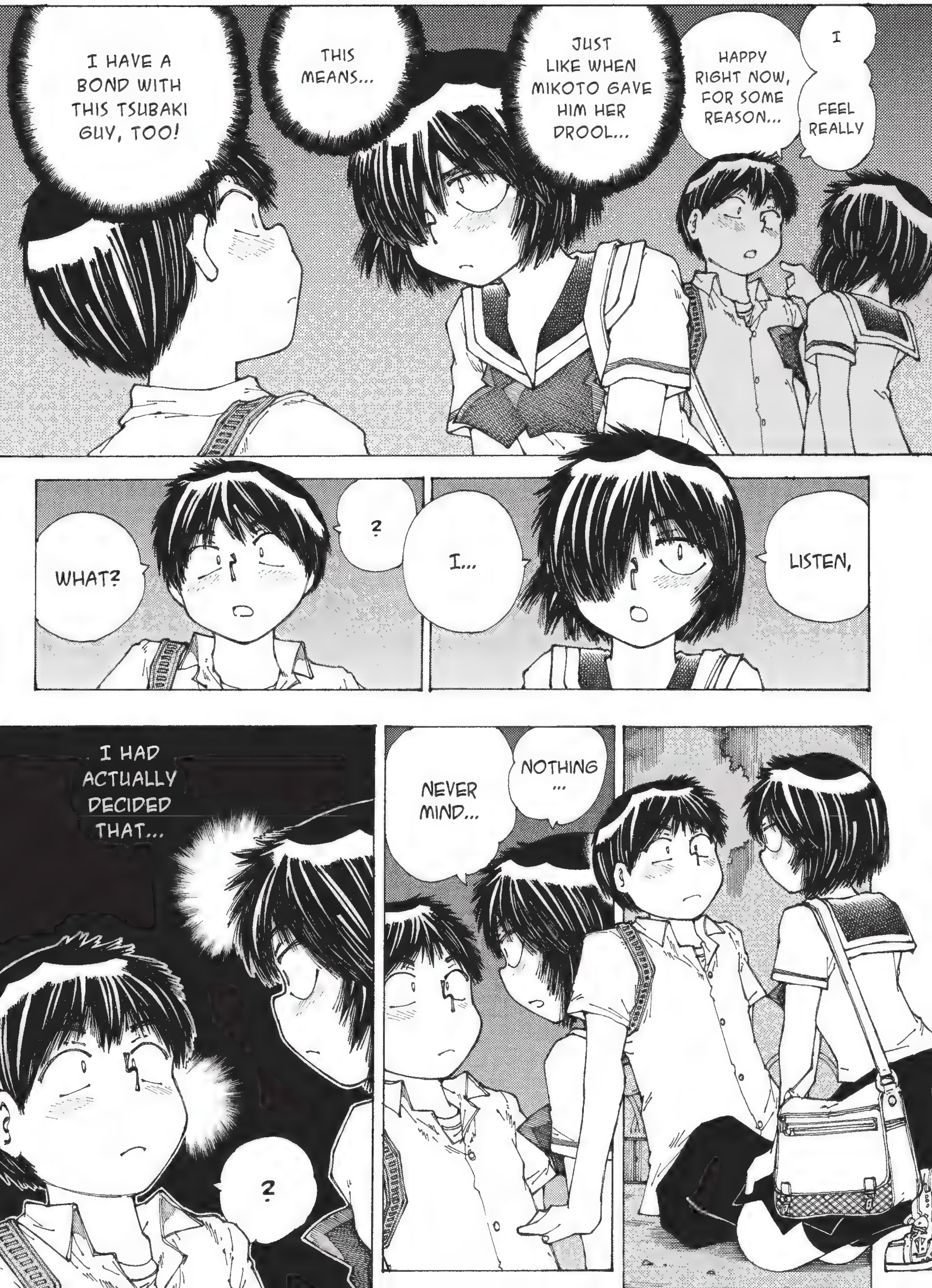

TSUBAKI...
HERE, OUR ROUTINE...
AH...
OKAY.
SHLP

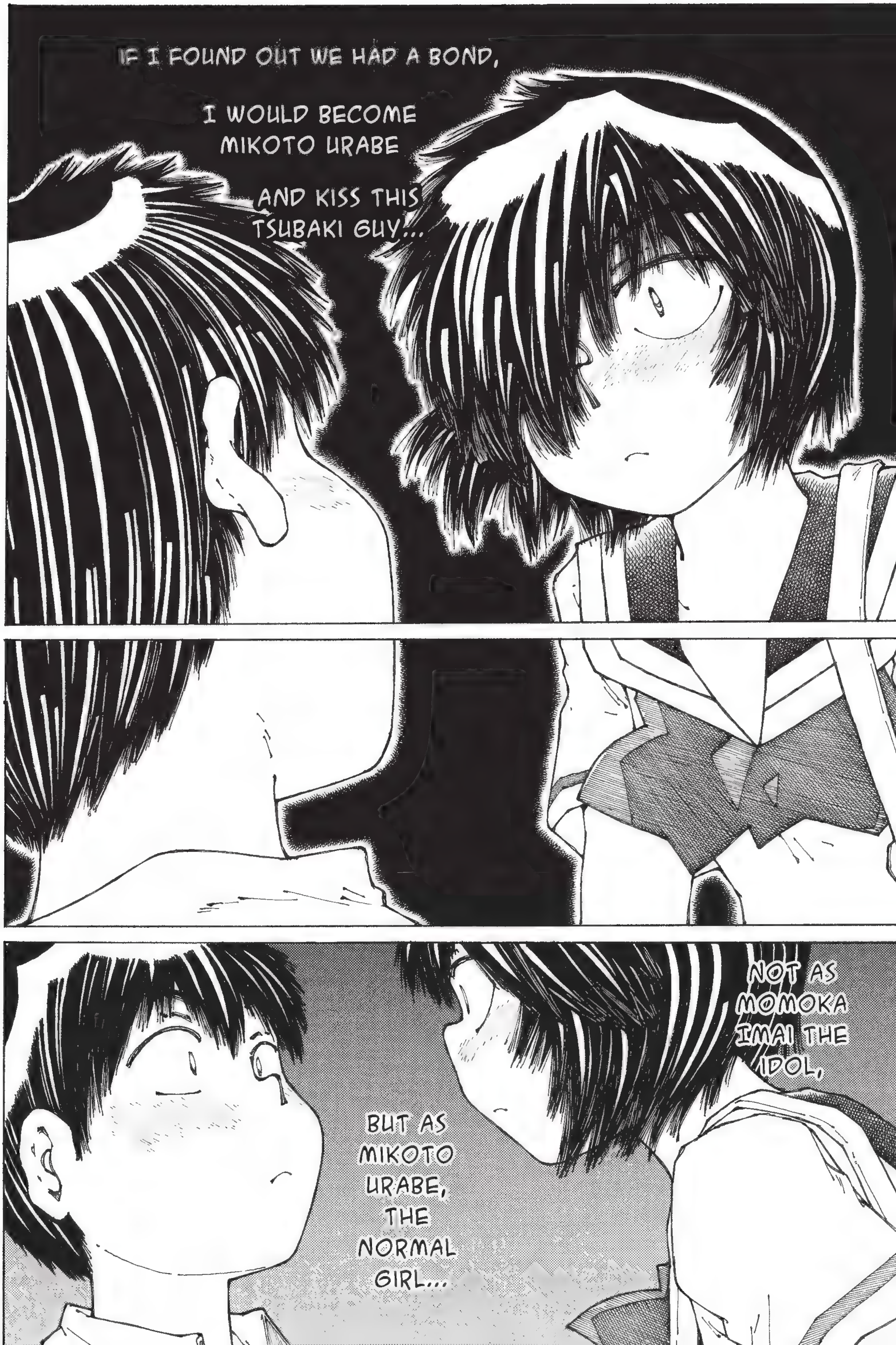

DRIP...
AH...
AH...
MY NOSE IS BLEEDING ...!
WHAP
HIS NOSE BLED WHEN HE TASTED MY DROOL...
DOES THAT MEAN...
CRAP.
HANKY ...

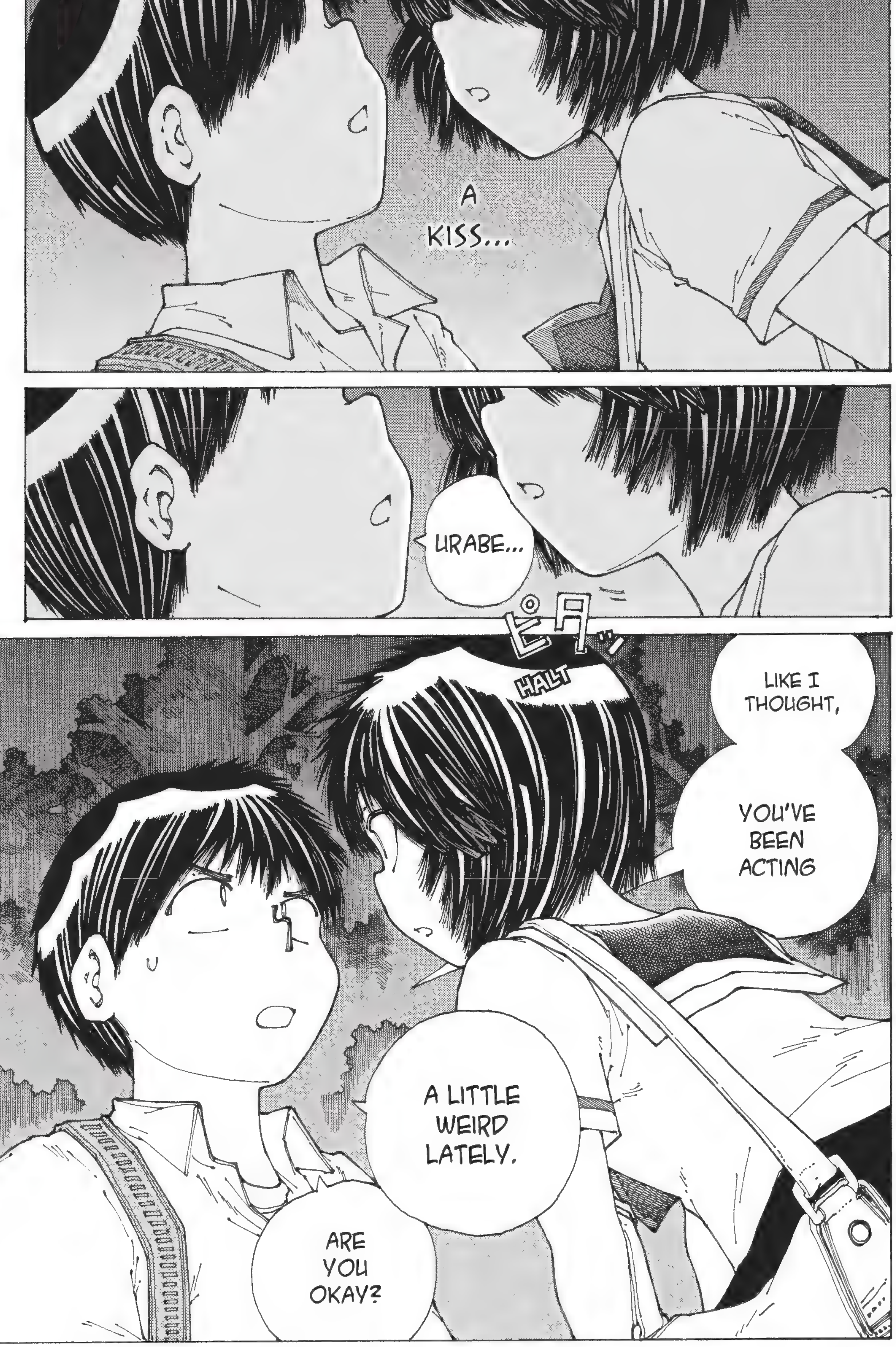

THAT THIS BOY AND I
HAVE A BOND ?!!
SHFF
SQUEEZE
UGH...
SHFF
HEY... TSUBAKI...
HOW
DO YOU FEEL RIGHT NOW?
HUH?

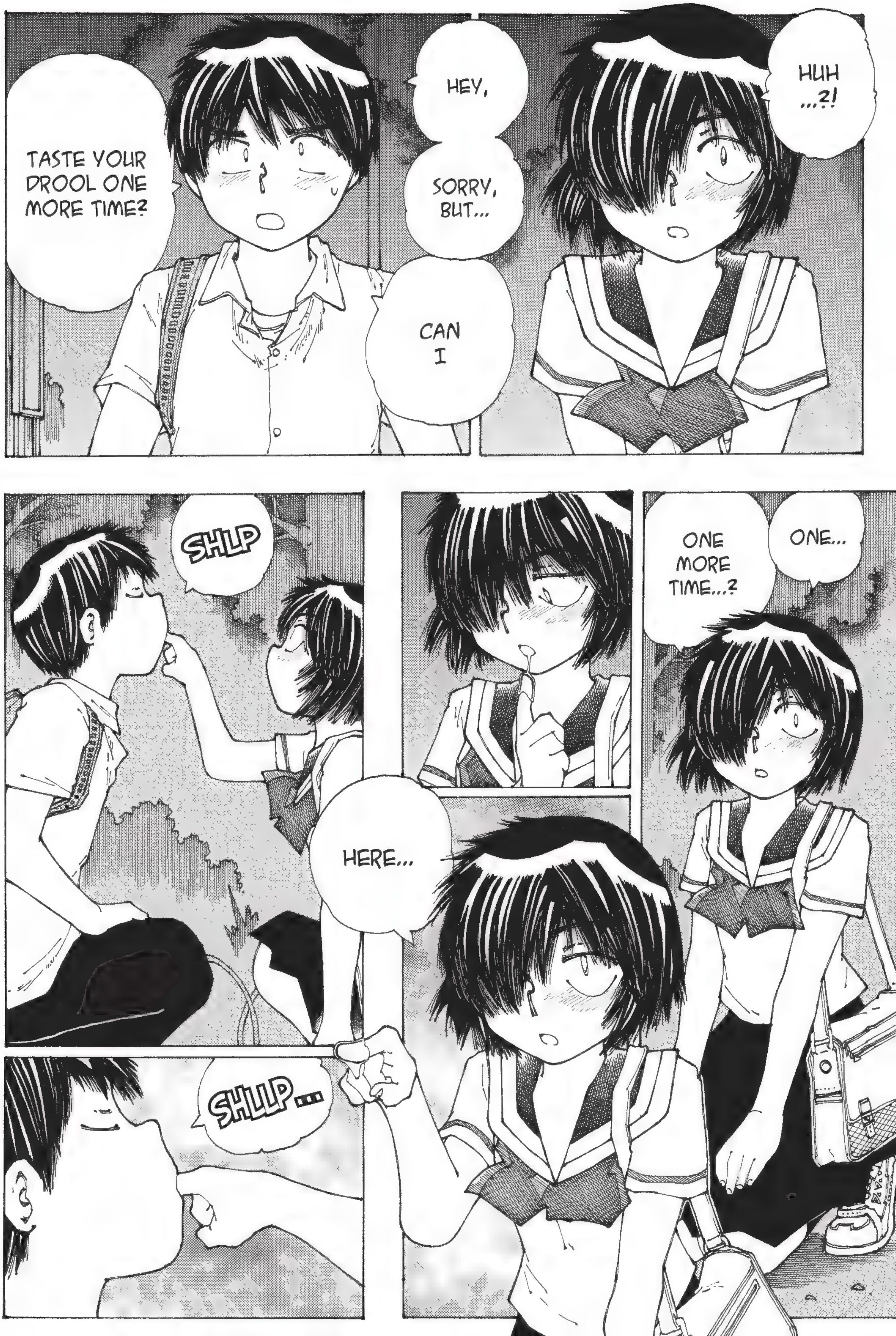

IS YOUR HEART RACING?
WHEN I
FED YOU MY DROOL ...
MY HEART WAS RACING...
IF YOUR NOSE STARTED BLEEDING
BECAUSE MY DROOL COMMUNICATED MY EXCITEMENT TO YOU...
THEN...

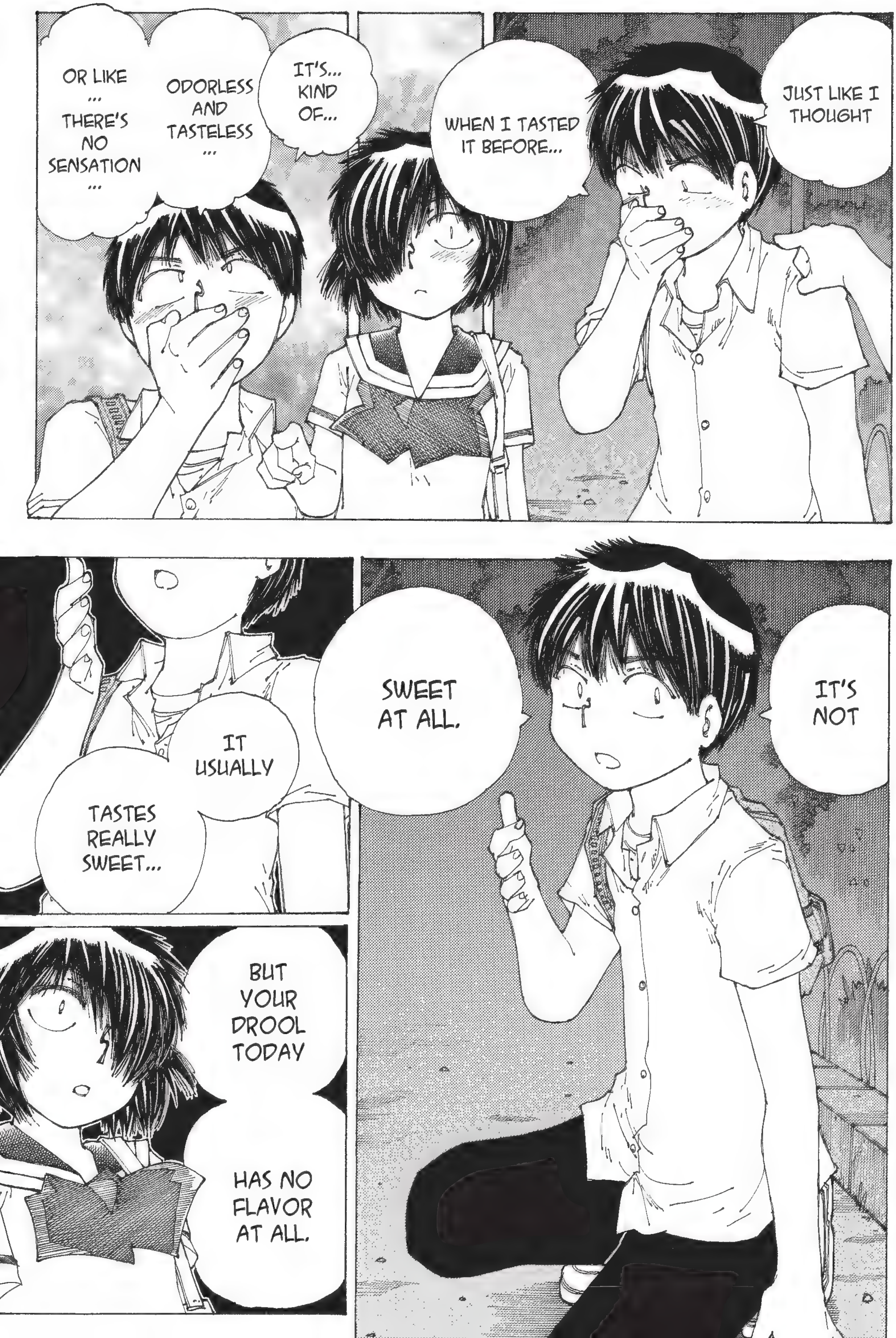

THAT PROVES YOU AND I
HAVE A BOND...
TSUBAKI,
WHEN YOU TASTED MY DROOL,
DID YOUR HEART START TO RACE?
Y...
YEAH...
DID YOU FEEL REALLY HAPPY?
Y...
YEAH!

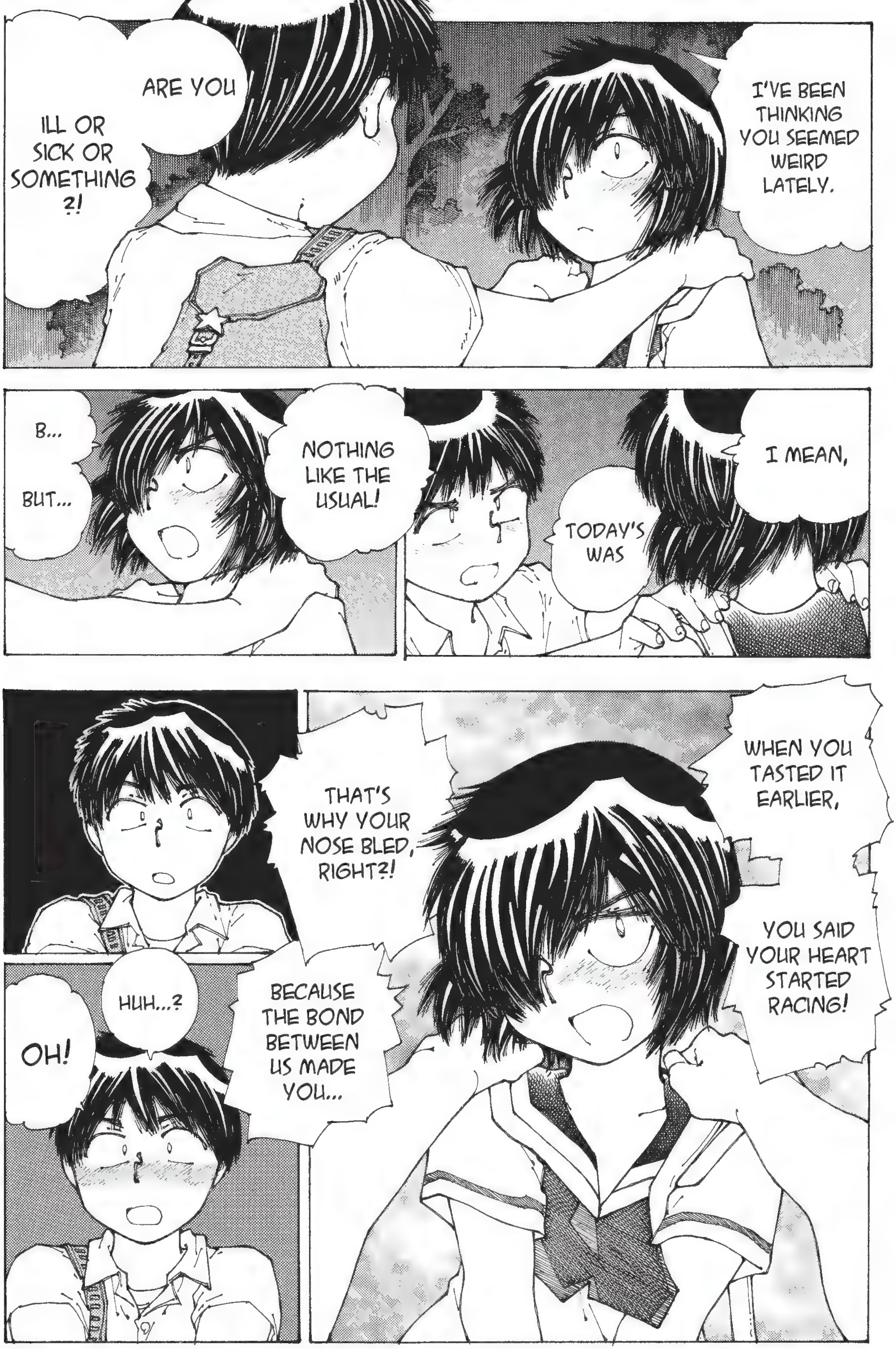

I FEEL REALLY
HAPPY RIGHT NOW, FOR SOME REASON...
JUST LIKE WHEN MIKOTO GAVE HIM HER DROOL...
THIS MEANS...
I HAVE A BOND WITH THIS TSUBAKI GUY, TOO!
LISTEN,
I...
?
WHAT?
NOTHING ...
NEVER MIND...
I HAD ACTUALLY DECIDED THAT...
?

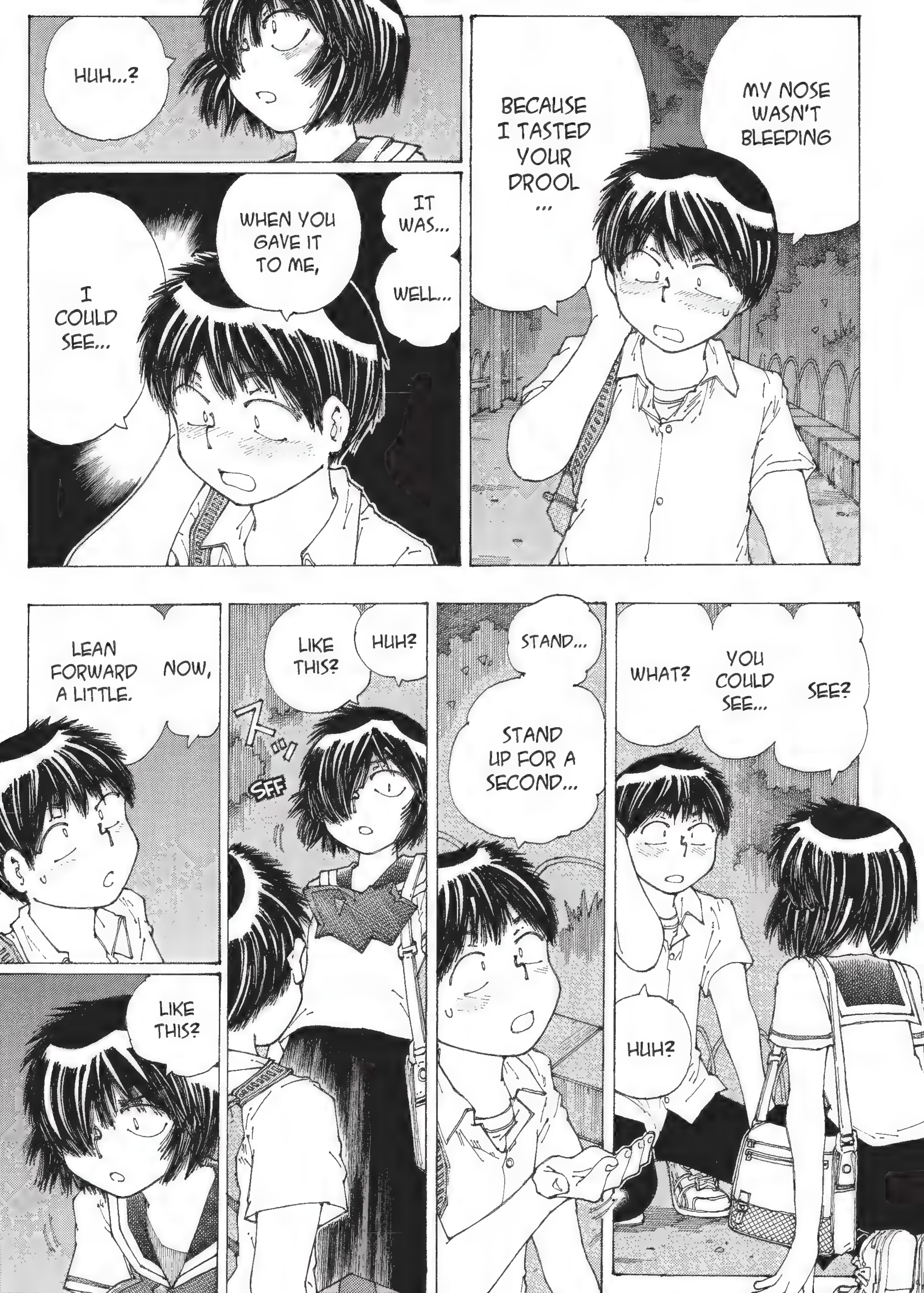

IF I FOUND OUT WE HAD A BOND,
I WOULD BECOME MIKOTO URABE
AND KISS THIS TSUBAKI GUY...
NOT AS MOMOKA IMAI THE IDOL,
BUT AS MIKOTO URABE, THE NORMAL GIRL...


A KISS...
URABE...
ピタッ
HALT
LIKE I THOUGHT,
YOU'VE BEEN ACTING
A LITTLE WEIRD LATELY.
ARE YOU OKAY?

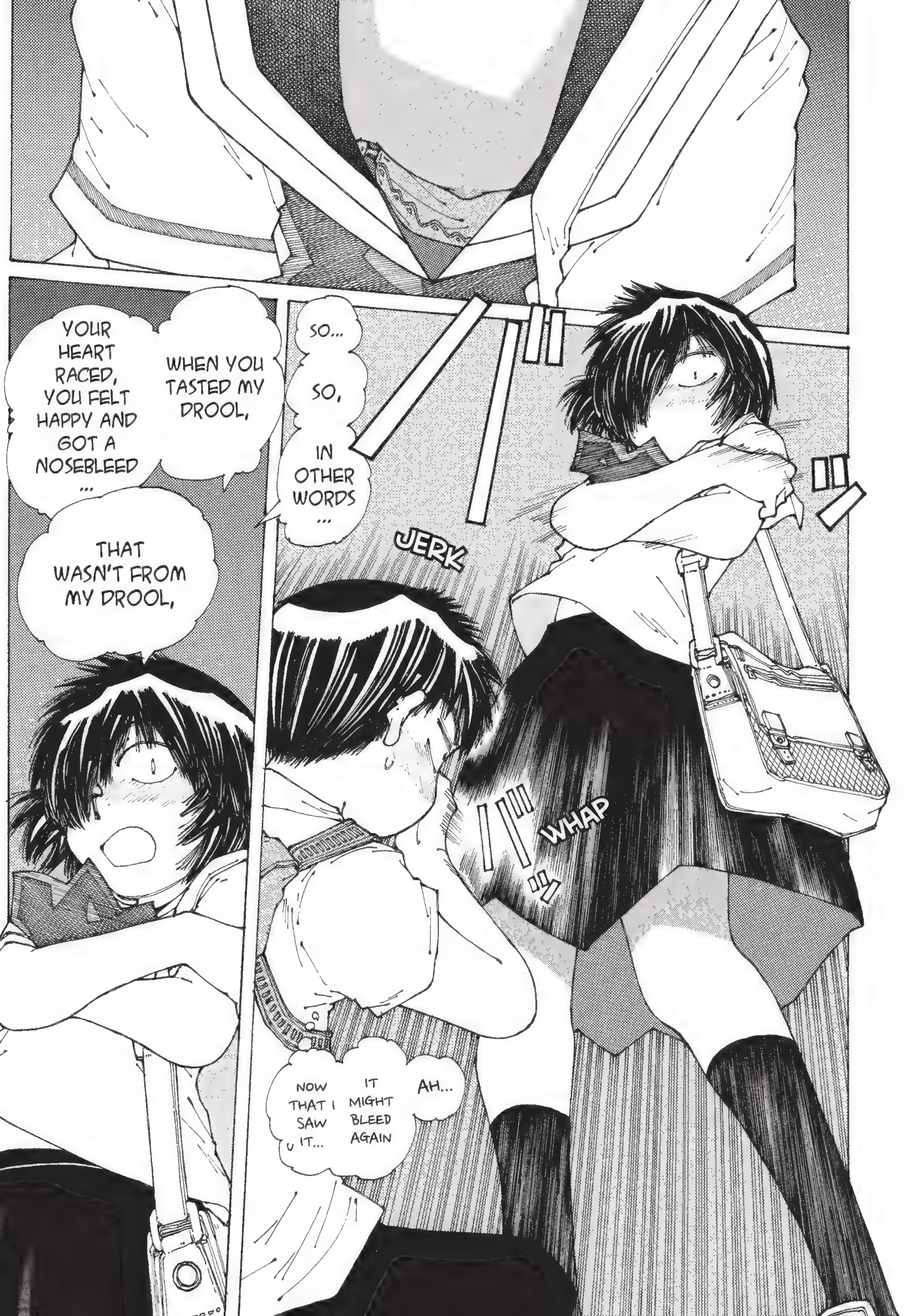

HEY,
SORRY, BUT...
CAN I
TASTE YOUR DROOL ONE MORE TIME?
HUH ...?!
ONE...
ONE MORE TIME...?
HERE...
SHLP
SHLP...

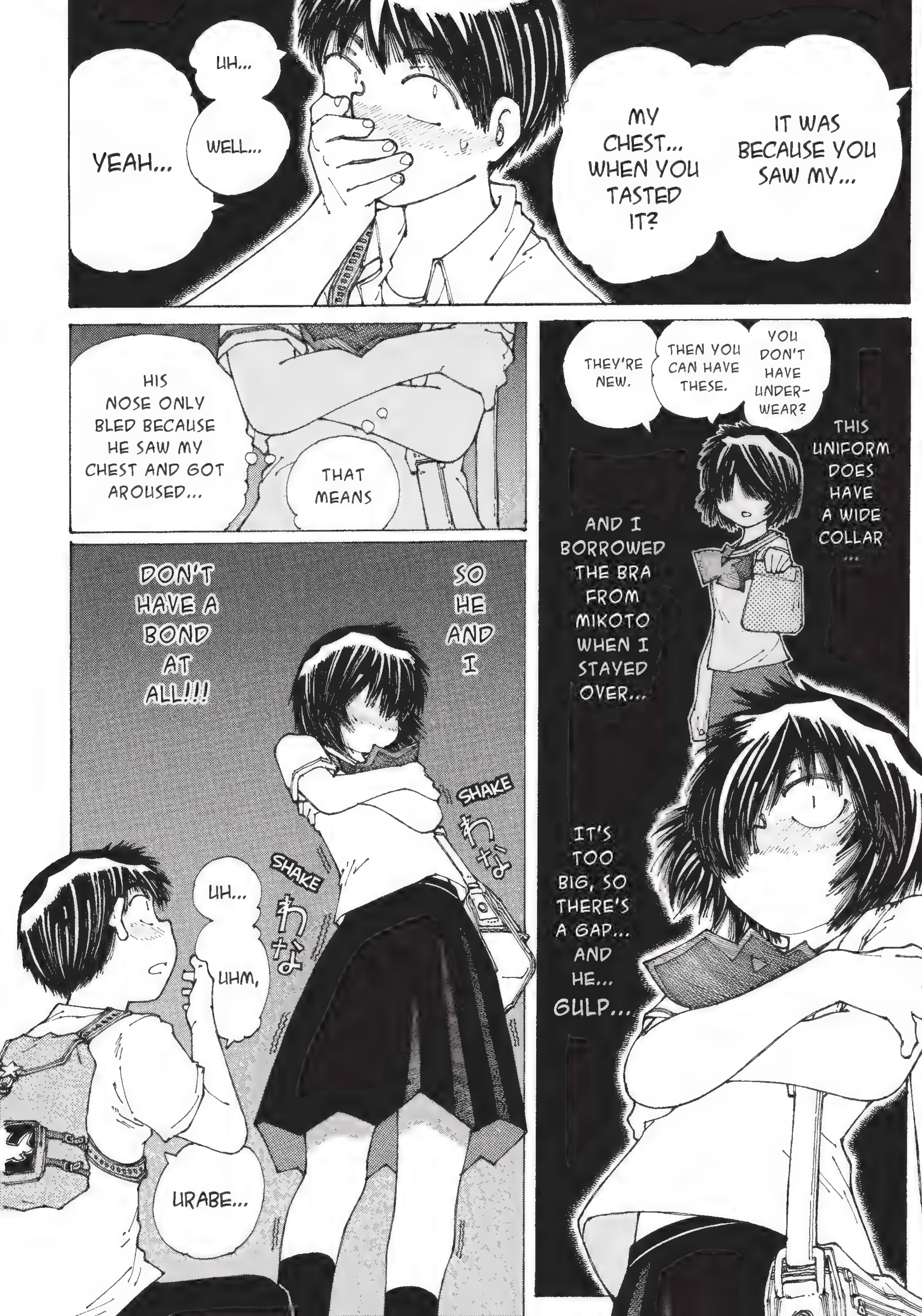

JUST LIKE I THOUGHT
WHEN I TASTED IT BEFORE...
IT'S... KIND OF...
ODORLESS AND TASTELESS ...
OR LIKE ... THERE'S NO SENSATION ...
IT'S NOT
SWEET AT ALL.
IT USUALLY
TASTES REALLY SWEET...
BUT YOUR DROOL TODAY
HAS NO FLAVOR AT ALL.

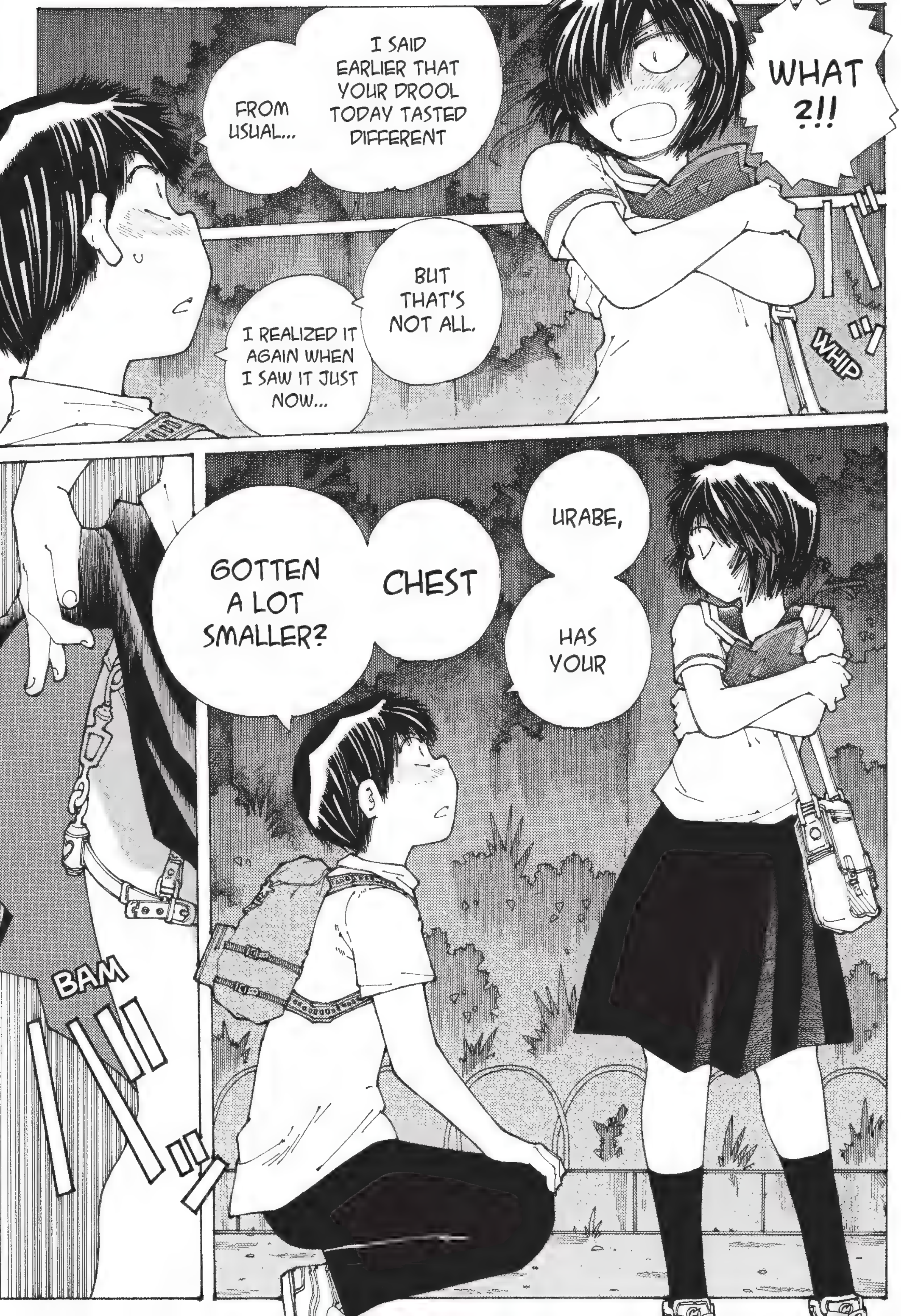

I'VE BEEN THINKING YOU SEEMED WEIRD LATELY.
ARE YOU ILL OR SICK OR SOMETHING?!
I MEAN,
TODAY'S WAS
NOTHING LIKE THE USUAL!
B... BUT...
WHEN YOU TASTED IT EARLIER,
YOU SAID YOUR HEART STARTED RACING!
THAT'S WHY YOUR NOSE BLED, RIGHT?!
BECAUSE THE BOND BETWEEN US MADE YOU...
HUH...?
OH!


MY NOSE WASN'T BLEEDING
BECAUSE I TASTED YOUR DROOL ...
HUH...?
IT WAS...
WELL...
WHEN YOU GAVE IT TO ME,
I COULD SEE...
SEE?
YOU COULD SEE...
WHAT?
HUH?
STAND...
STAND UP FOR A SECOND...
HUH?
LIKE THIS?
SFF
NOW,
LEAN FORWARD A LITTLE.
LIKE THIS?

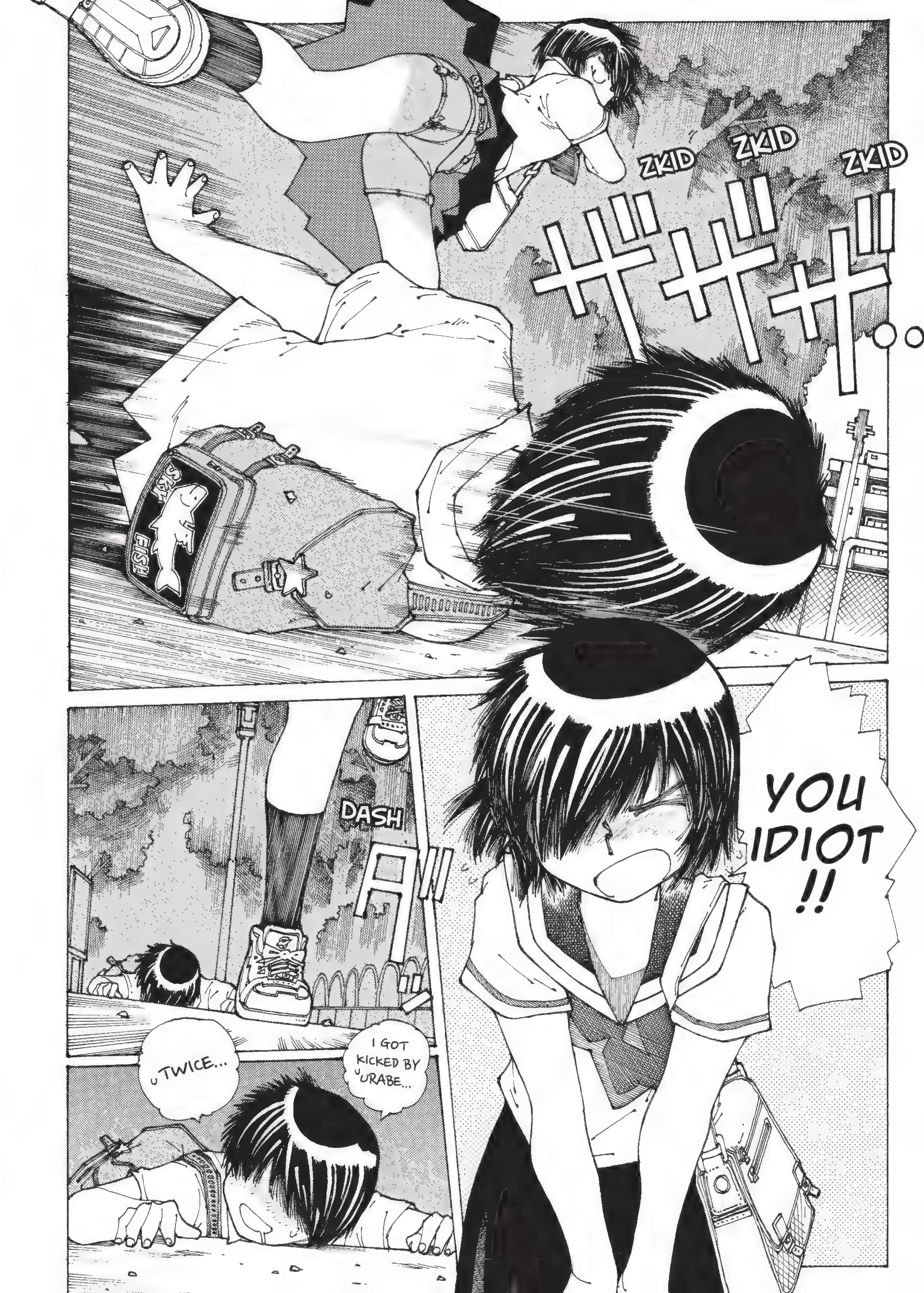
YEAH.
NOW TRY LOOKING DOWN YOUR OWN COLLAR.
WHAT?
MY COLLAR?
GLANCE
AH...
BA
ドーン
AM


SO...
SO,
IN OTHER WORDS...
JERK
WHEN YOU TASTED MY DROOL,
YOUR HEART RACED, YOU FELT HAPPY AND GOT A NOSEBLEED...
THAT WASN'T FROM MY DROOL,
WHAP
AH...
IT MIGHT BLEED AGAIN
NOW THAT I SAW IT...


IT WAS BECAUSE YOU SAW MY...
MY CHEST... WHEN YOU TASTED IT?
UH...
WELL...
YEAH...
YOU DON'T HAVE UNDERWEAR?
THEN YOU CAN HAVE THESE.
THEY'RE NEW.
THIS UNIFORM DOES HAVE A WIDE COLLAR...
AND I BORROWED THE BRA FROM MIKOTO WHEN I STAYED OVER...
IT'S TOO BIG, SO THERE'S A GAP... AND HE... GULP...
HIS NOSE ONLY BLED BECAUSE HE SAW MY CHEST AND GOT AROUSED...
THAT MEANS
SO HE AND I
DON'T HAVE A BOND AT ALL!!!
SHAKE
わな
SHAKE
わな
UH...
UHM,
URABE...


WHAT ?!!
I SAID EARLIER THAT YOUR DROOL TODAY TASTED DIFFERENT
FROM USUAL...
BUT THAT'S NOT ALL.
I REALIZED IT AGAIN WHEN I SAW IT JUST NOW...
WHIP
URABE,
HAS YOUR
CHEST
GOTTEN A LOT SMALLER?
BAM

WHEN I LOOKED DOWN YOUR SHIRT, I THOUGHT THEY LOOKED A WHOLE LOT SMALLER THAN THEY USED TO...
SO THE REASON YOU'VE BEEN SO WEIRD LATELY MUST BE BECAUSE OF SOME PHYSICAL CHANGE, RIGHT?
KACHAK
WELL,
I GUESS EVEN
SMALL BREASTS
SNAP
ARE CUTE IN THEIR OWN WAY, BUT...
KA
BAA
MM


ZKID ZKID ZKID
ザザザ…
SKY FISH
YOU IDIOT!!
DASH
ダッ
I GOT KICKED BY URABE...
TWICE...

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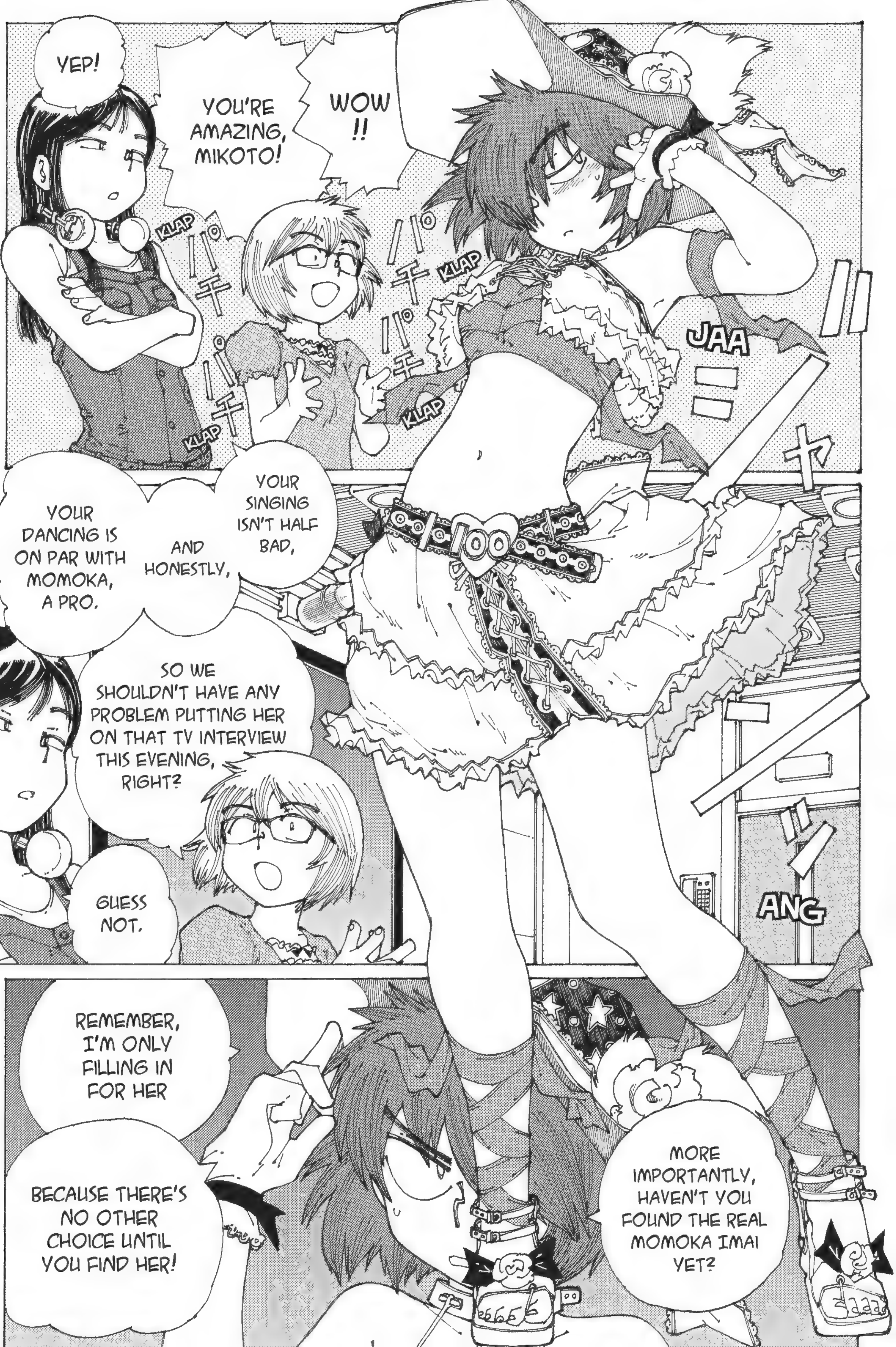
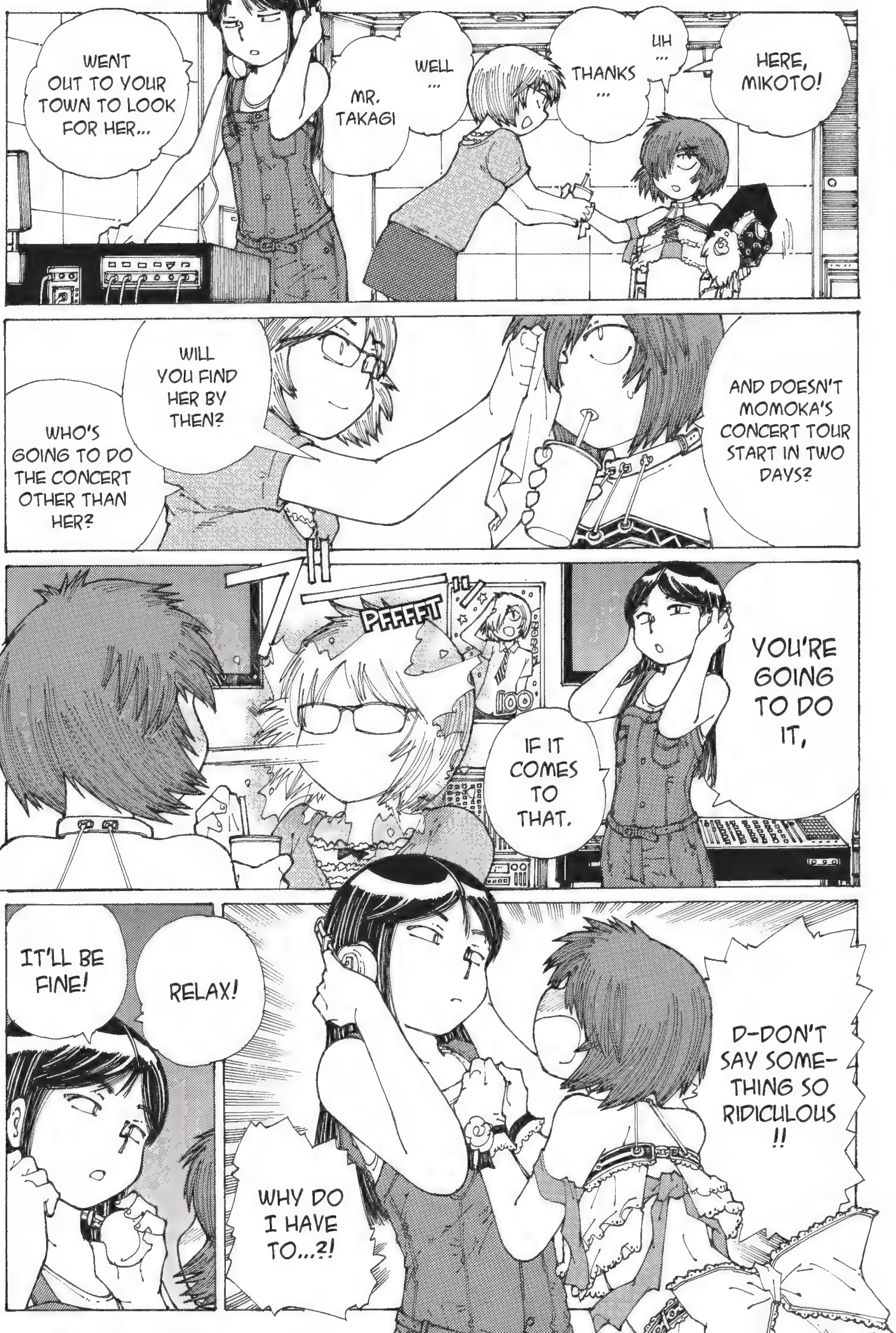
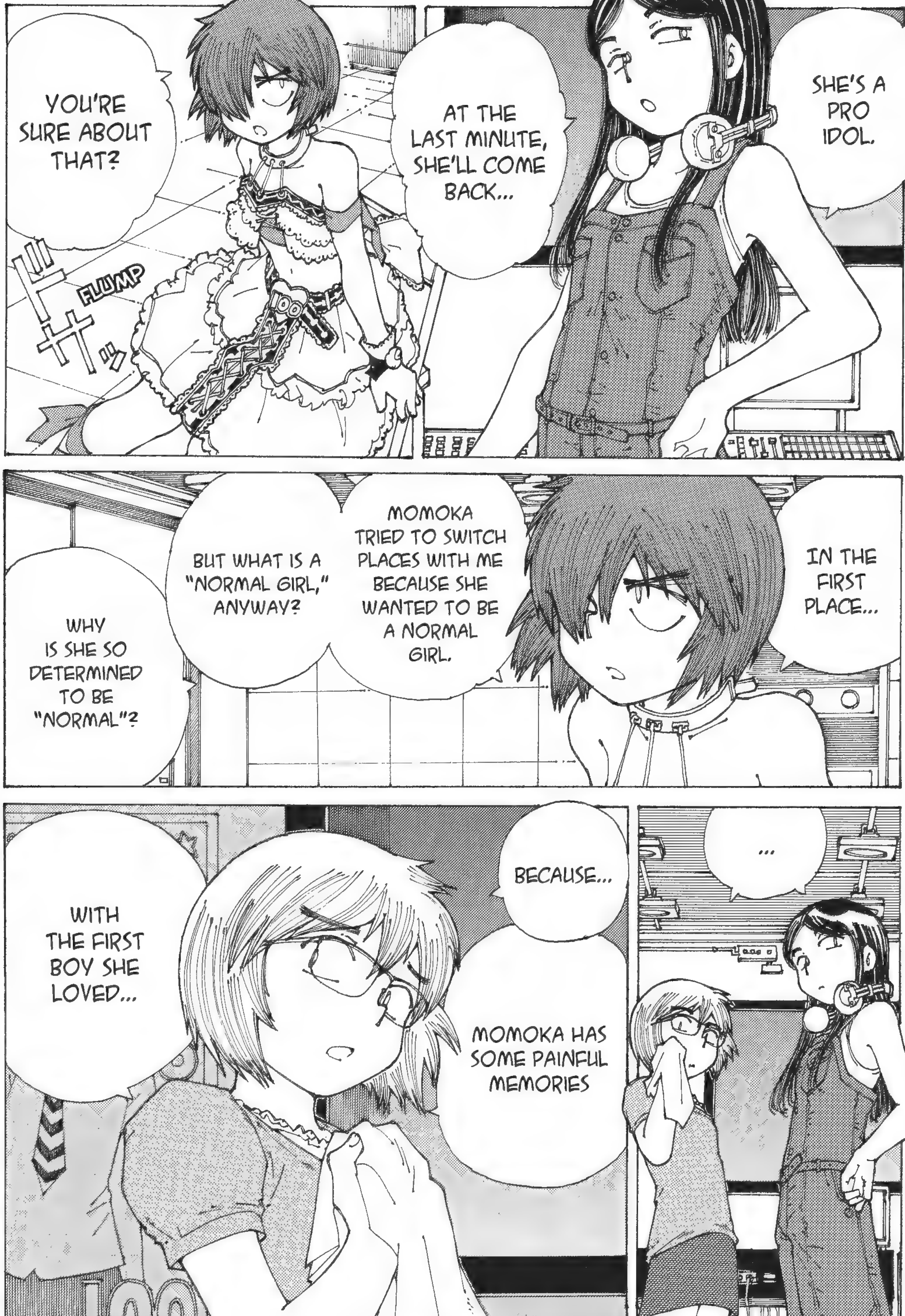
JANG
ジャーンッ
JANG
ジャーンッ
JANG


WOW !!
YOU'RE AMAZING, MIKOTO!
YEP!
ジャーン
JAA
ANG
パチ パチ
KLAP
KLAP
KLAP
KLAP
YOUR SINGING ISN'T HALF BAD,
AND HONESTLY,
YOUR DANCING IS ON PAR WITH MOMOKA, A PRO.
SO WE SHOULDN'T HAVE ANY PROBLEM PUTTING HER ON THAT TV INTERVIEW THIS EVENING, RIGHT?
GUESS NOT.
MORE IMPORTANTLY, HAVEN'T YOU FOUND THE REAL MOMOKA IMAI YET?
REMEMBER, I'M ONLY FILLING IN FOR HER
BECAUSE THERE'S NO OTHER CHOICE UNTIL YOU FIND HER!


HERE, MIKOTO!
UH ...
THANKS ...
WELL ...
MR. TAKAGI
WENT OUT TO YOUR TOWN TO LOOK FOR HER...
AND DOESN'T MOMOKA'S CONCERT TOUR START IN TWO DAYS?
WILL YOU FIND HER BY THEN?
WHO'S GOING TO DO THE CONCERT OTHER THAN HER?
PFFFFT
YOU'RE GOING TO DO IT,
IF IT COMES TO THAT.
D-DON'T SAY SOMETHING SO RIDICULOUS !!
RELAX!
IT'LL BE FINE!
WHY DO I HAVE TO...?!


SHE'S A PRO IDOL.
AT THE LAST MINUTE, SHE'LL COME BACK...
YOU'RE SURE ABOUT THAT?
FLUMP
IN THE FIRST PLACE...
MOMOKA TRIED TO SWITCH PLACES WITH ME BECAUSE SHE WANTED TO BE A NORMAL GIRL.
BUT WHAT IS A "NORMAL GIRL," ANYWAY?
WHY IS SHE SO DETERMINED TO BE "NORMAL"?
...
BECAUSE...
MOMOKA HAS SOME PAINFUL MEMORIES
WITH THE FIRST BOY SHE LOVED...

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Please!
LOVE
ON DUTY:
Takahashi
Tanaka

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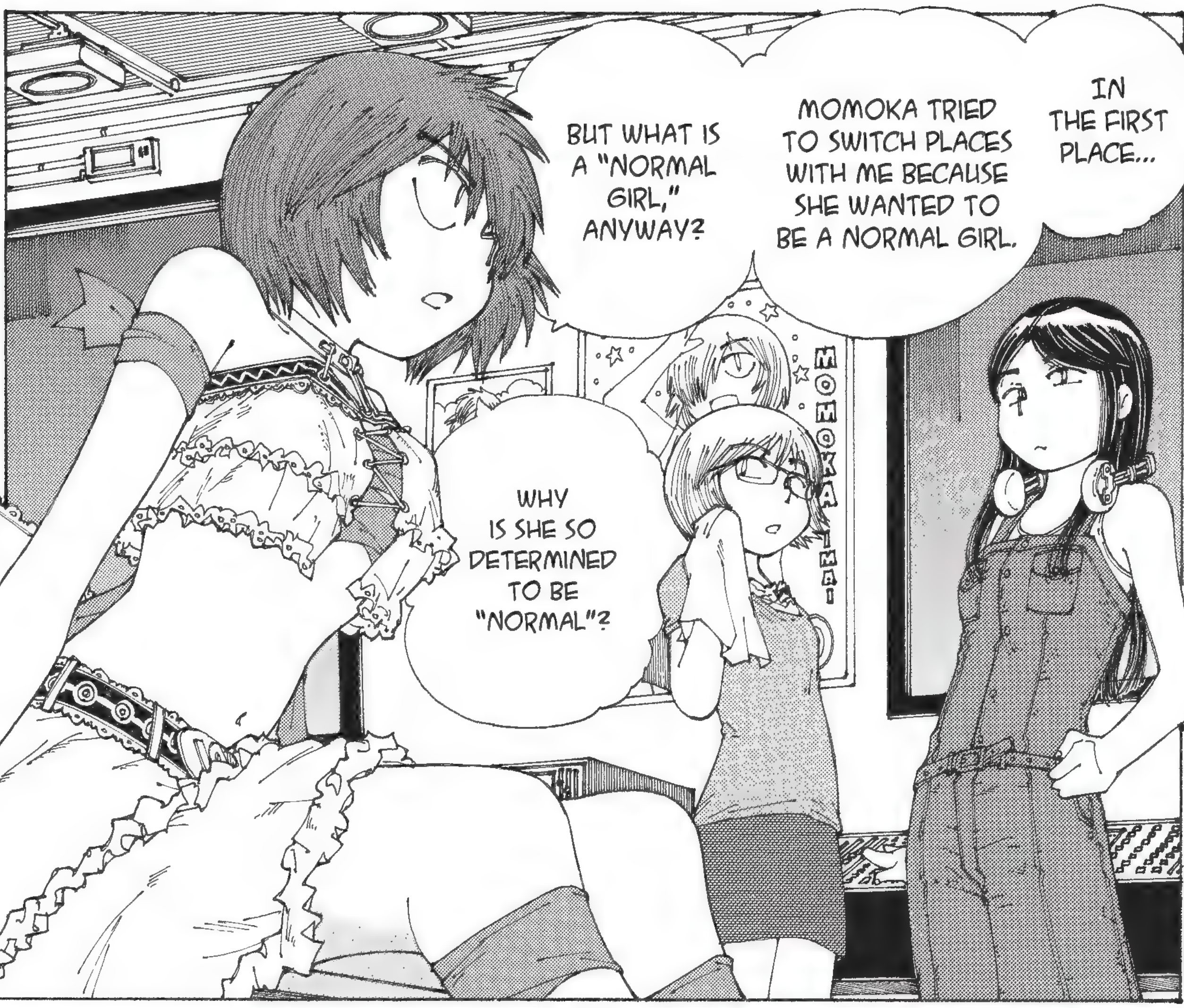
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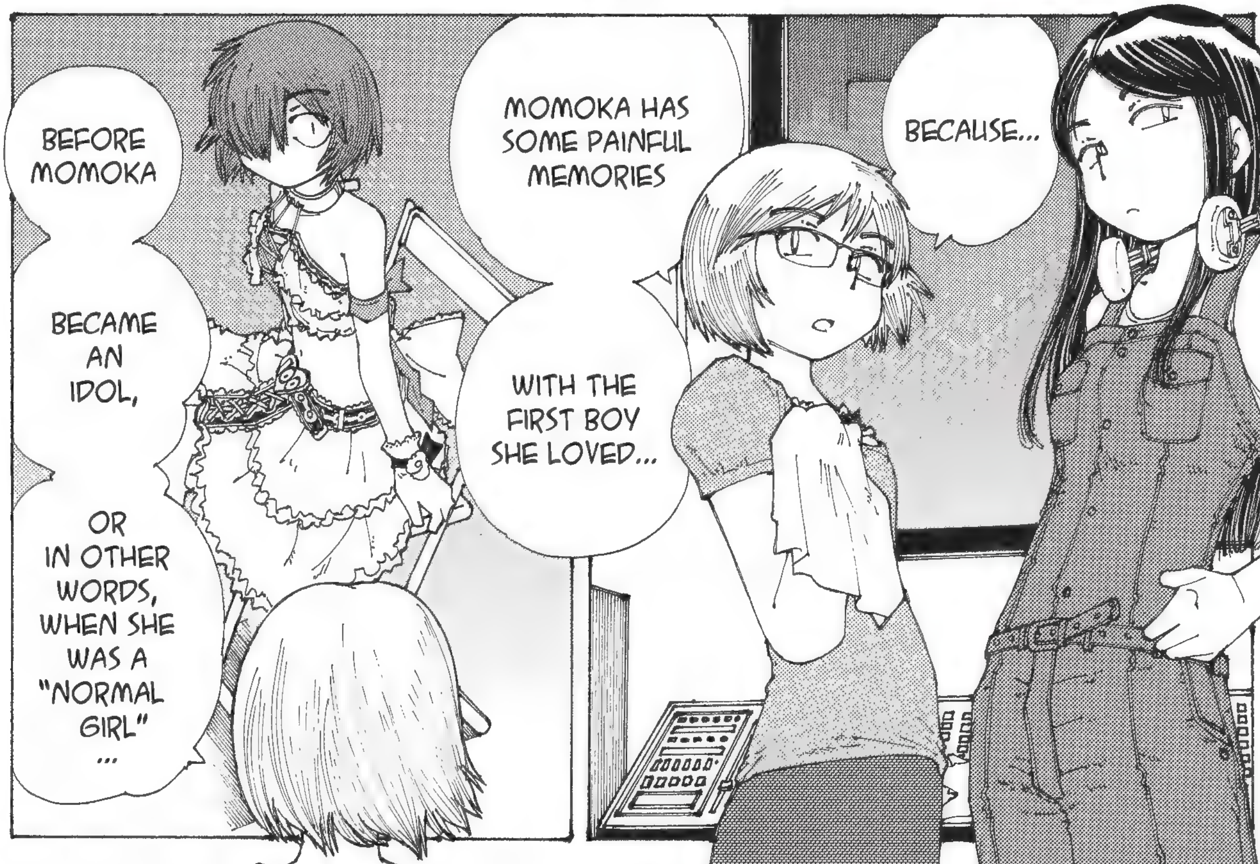
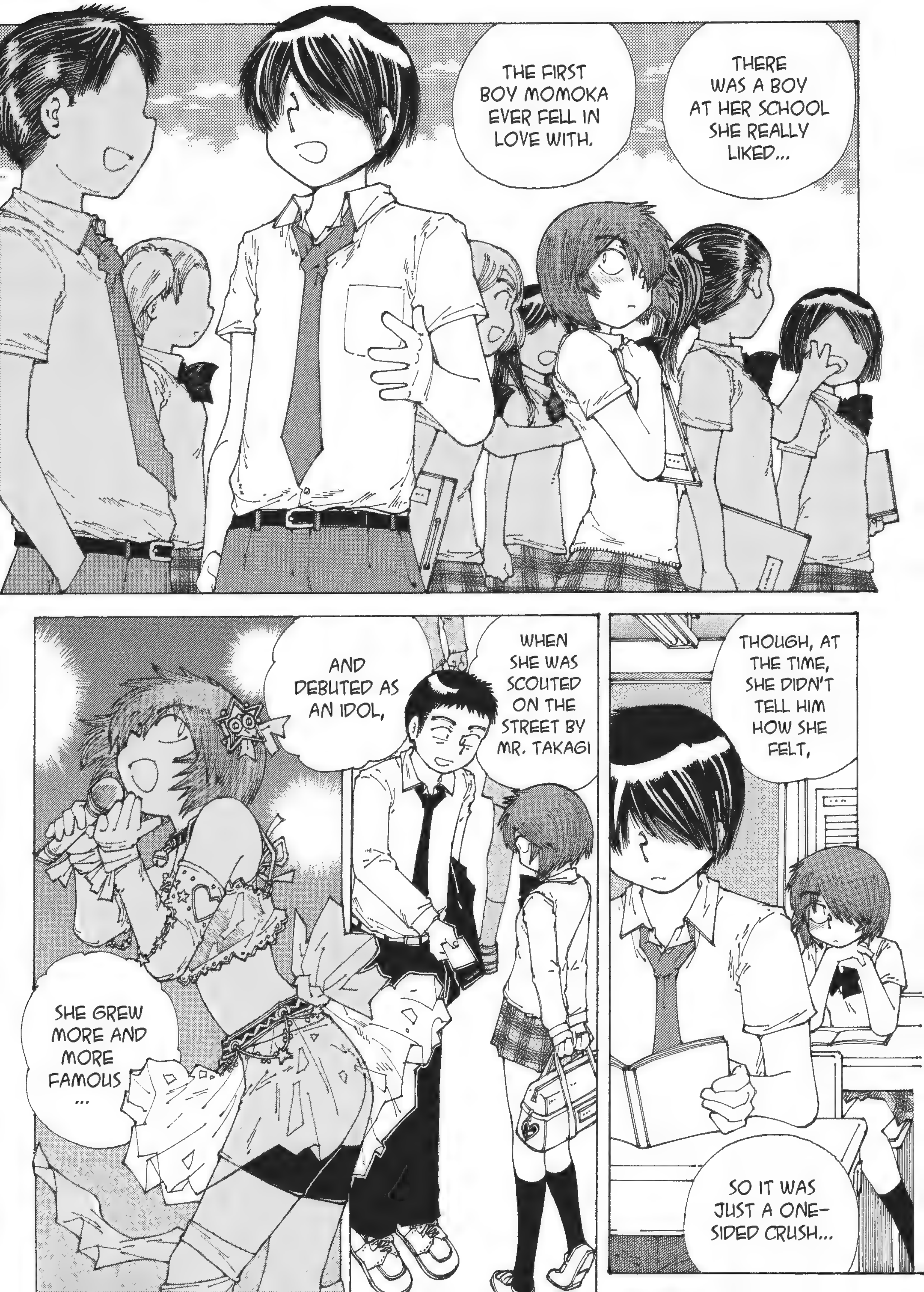
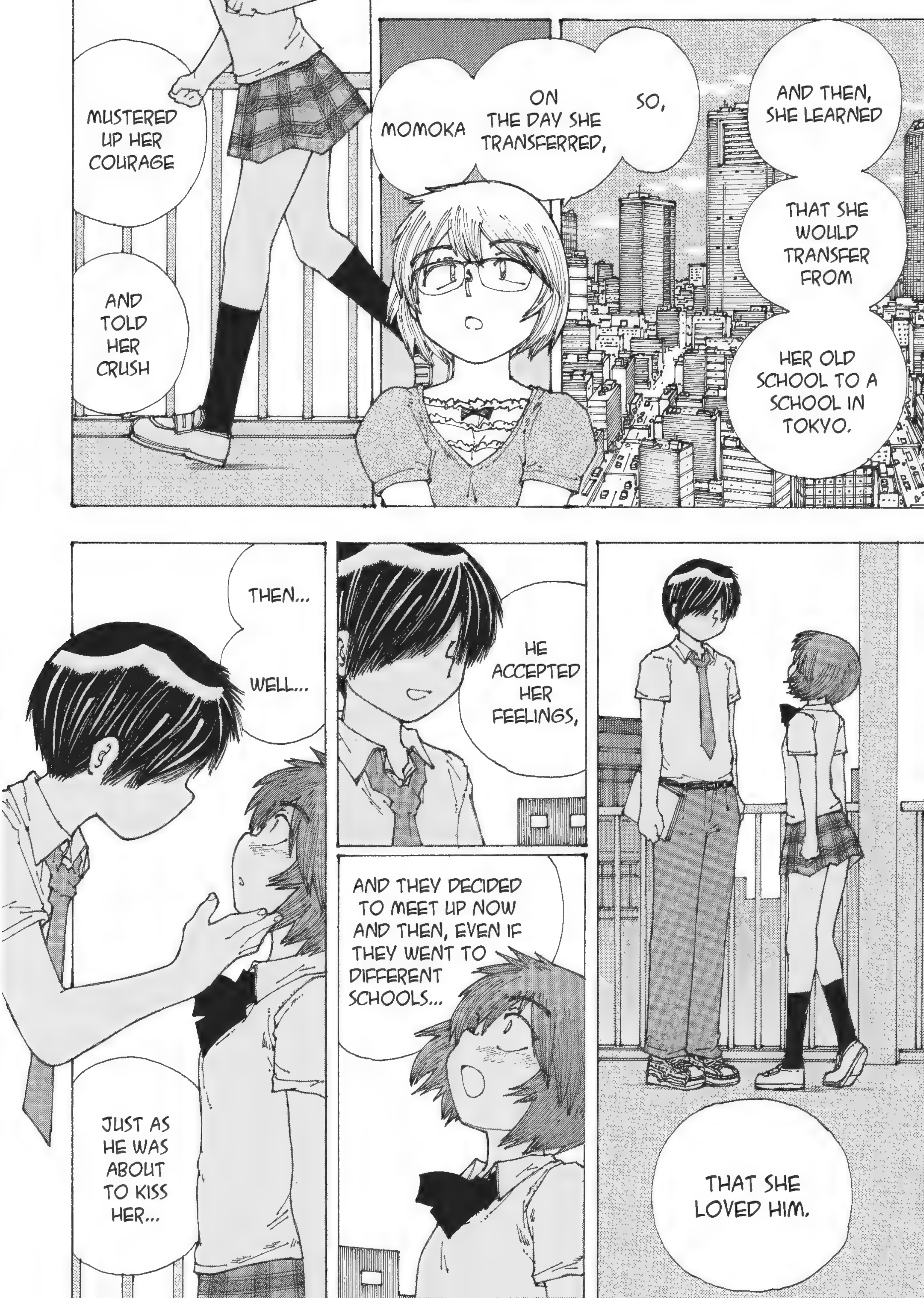
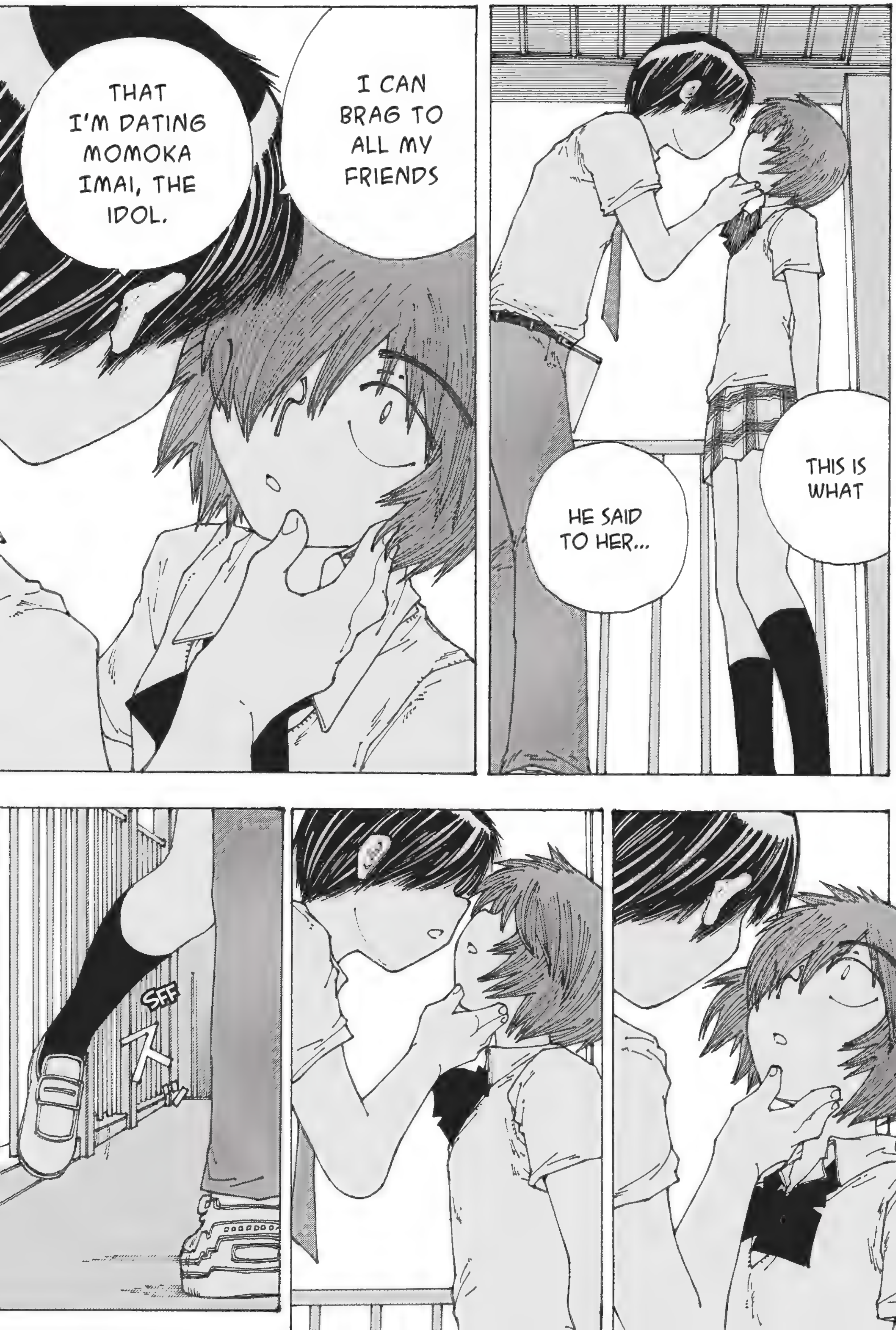

BECAUSE...
MOMOKA HAS SOME PAINFUL MEMORIES
WITH THE FIRST BOY SHE LOVED...
BEFORE MOMOKA
BECAME AN IDOL,
OR IN OTHER WORDS, WHEN SHE WAS A "NORMAL GIRL"...


THERE WAS A BOY AT HER SCHOOL SHE REALLY LIKED...
THE FIRST BOY MOMOKA EVER FELL IN LOVE WITH.
THOUGH, AT THE TIME, SHE DIDN'T TELL HIM HOW SHE FELT,
SO IT WAS JUST A ONE-SIDED CRUSH...
WHEN SHE WAS SCOUTED ON THE STREET BY MR. TAKAGI
AND DEBUTED AS AN IDOL,
SHE GREW MORE AND MORE FAMOUS ...


AND THEN, SHE LEARNED
THAT SHE WOULD TRANSFER FROM
HER OLD SCHOOL TO A SCHOOL IN TOKYO.
SO,
ON THE DAY SHE TRANSFERRED,
MOMOKA
MUSTERED UP HER COURAGE
AND TOLD HER CRUSH
THAT SHE LOVED HIM.
HE ACCEPTED HER FEELINGS,
AND THEY DECIDED TO MEET UP NOW AND THEN, EVEN IF THEY WENT TO DIFFERENT SCHOOLS...
THEN...
WELL...
JUST AS HE WAS ABOUT TO KISS HER...


THIS IS WHAT
HE SAID TO HER...
I CAN BRAG TO ALL MY FRIENDS
THAT I'M DATING MOMOKA IMAI, THE IDOL.
SFF
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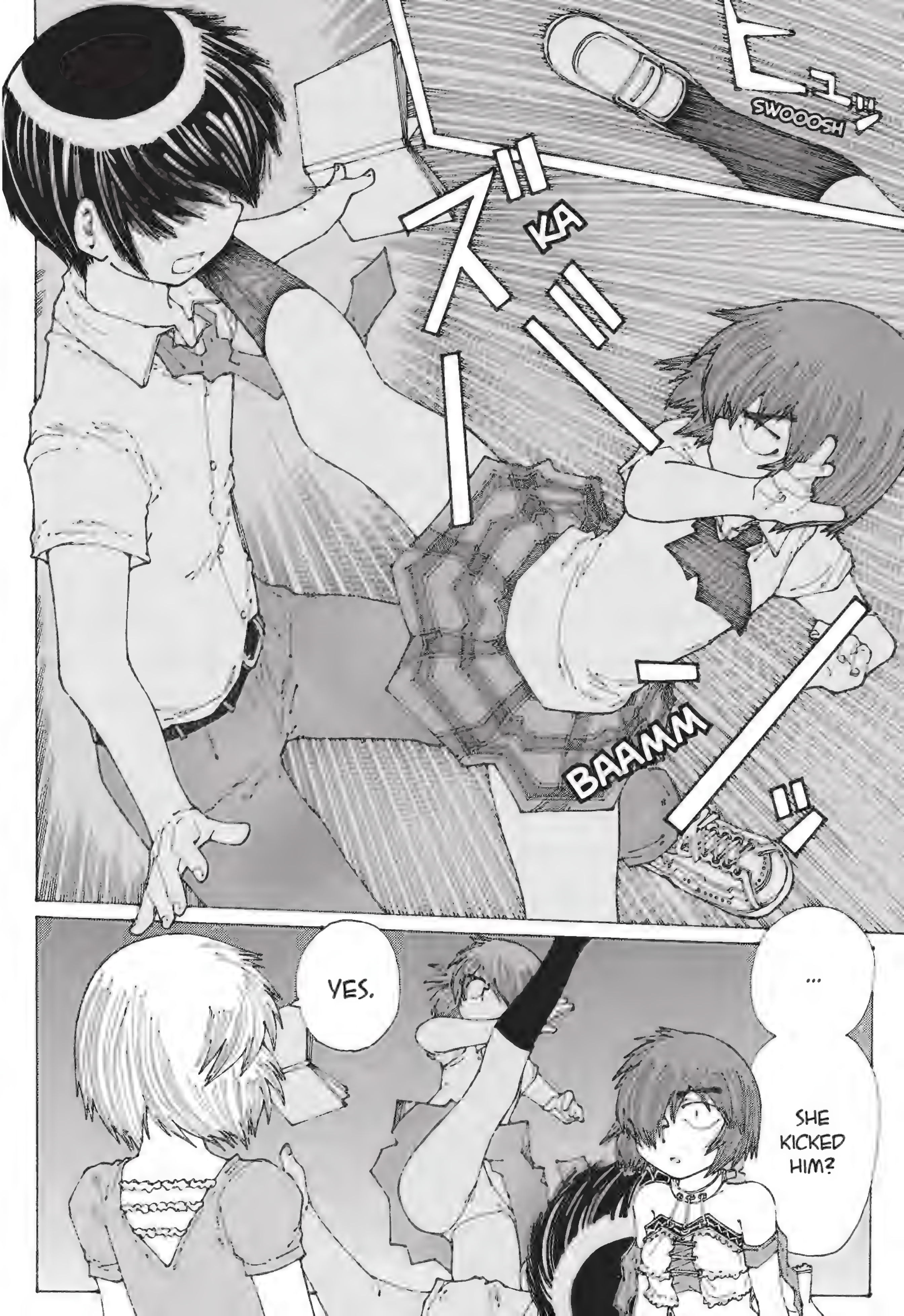
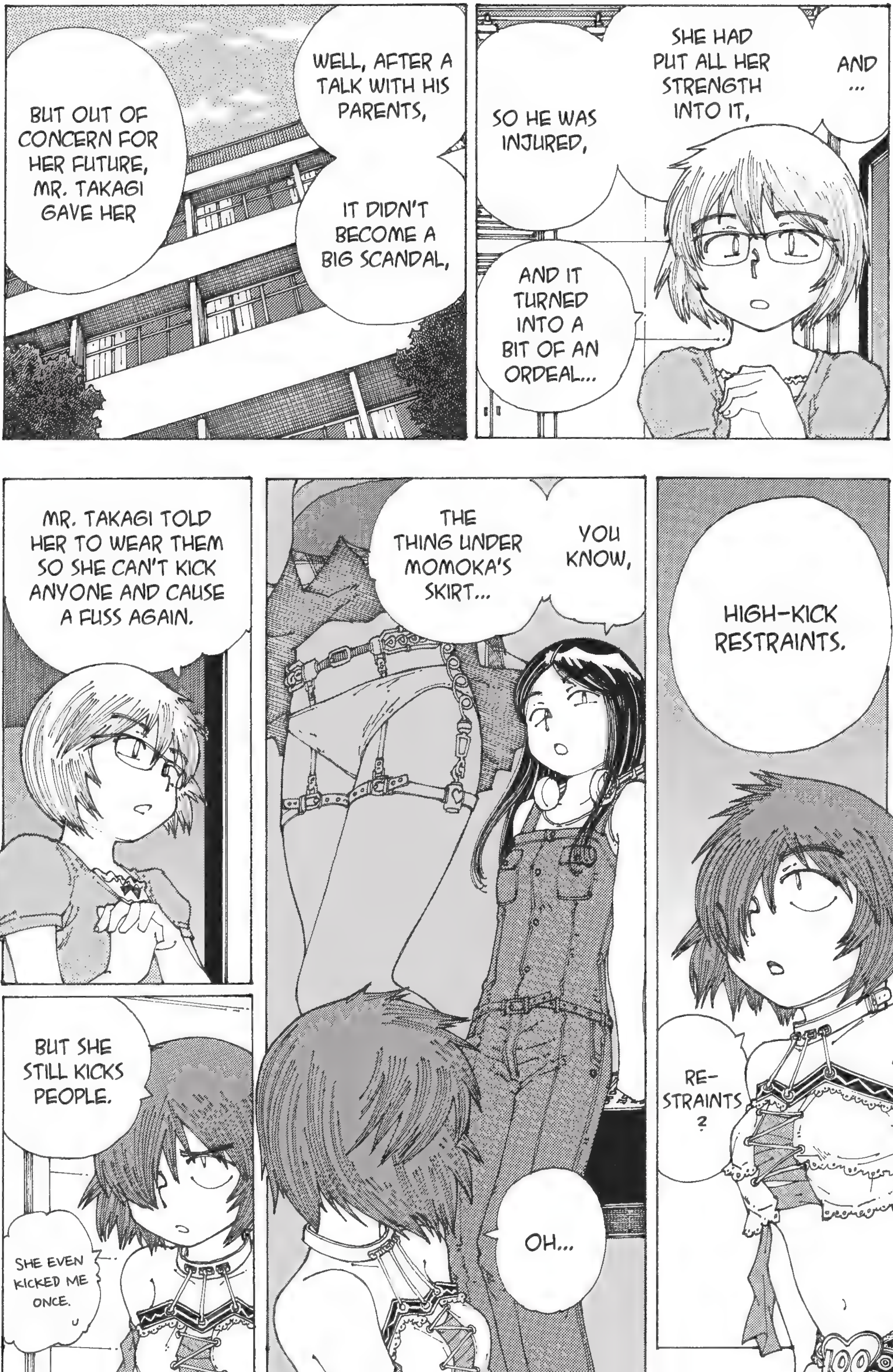
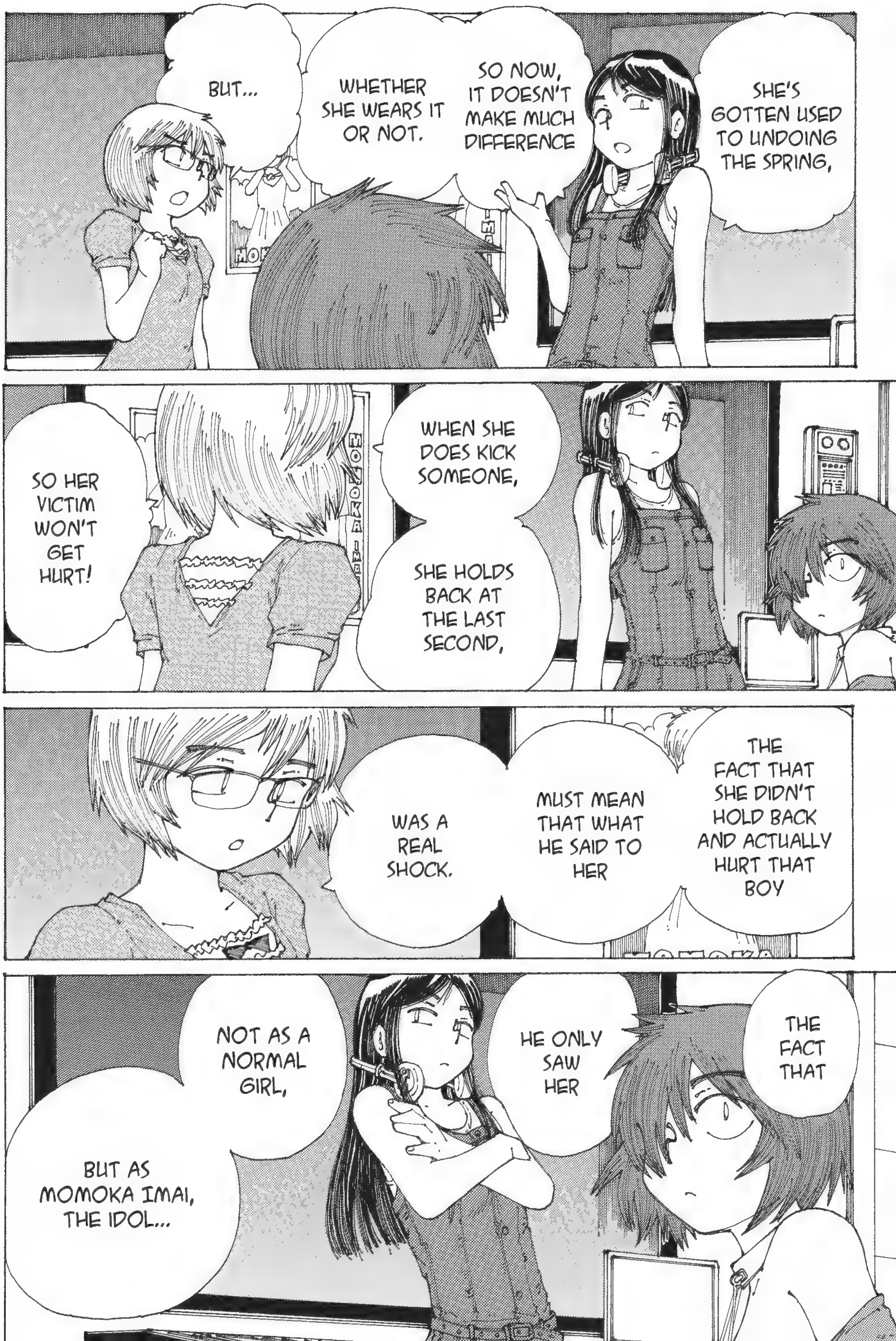
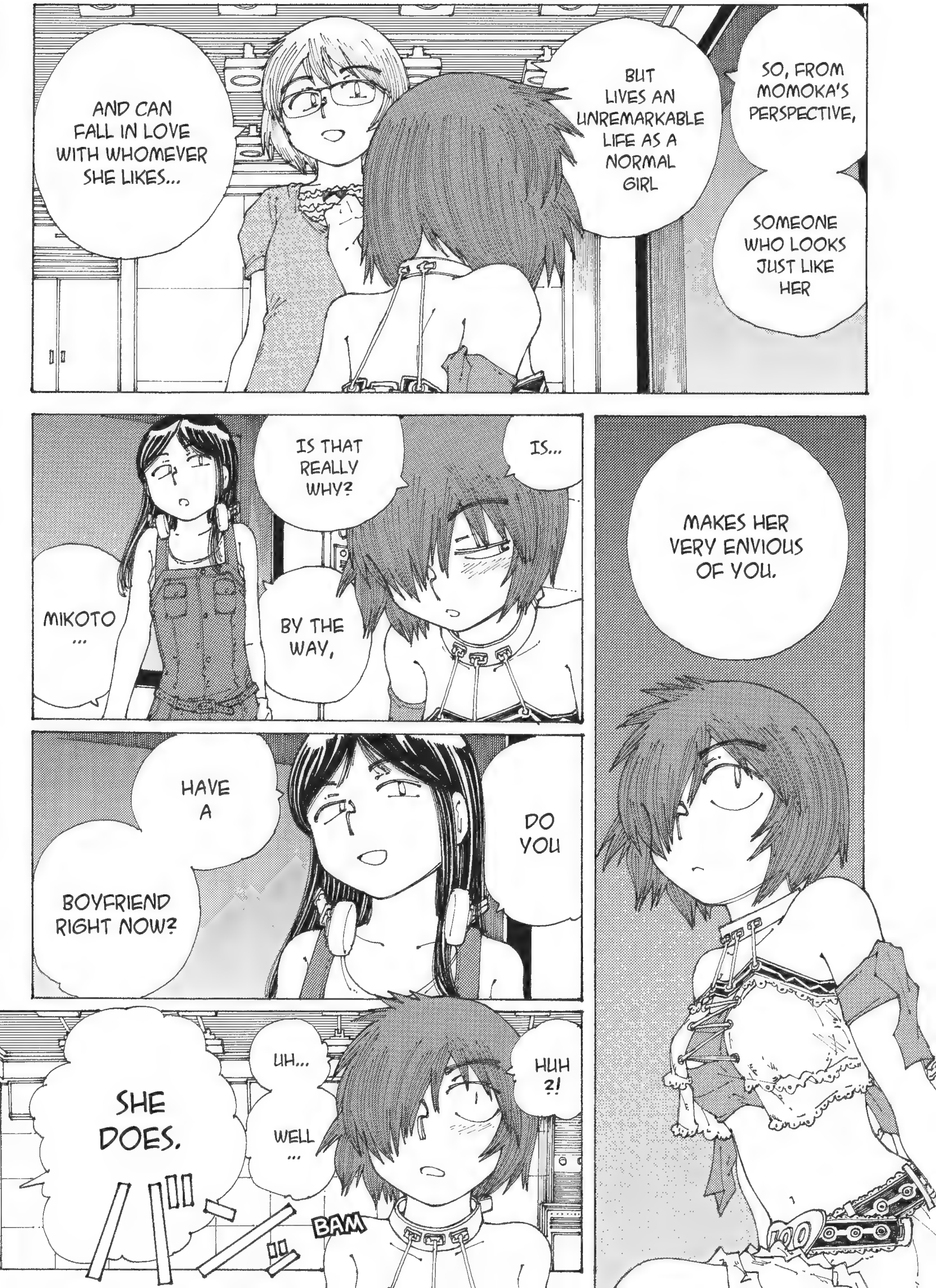
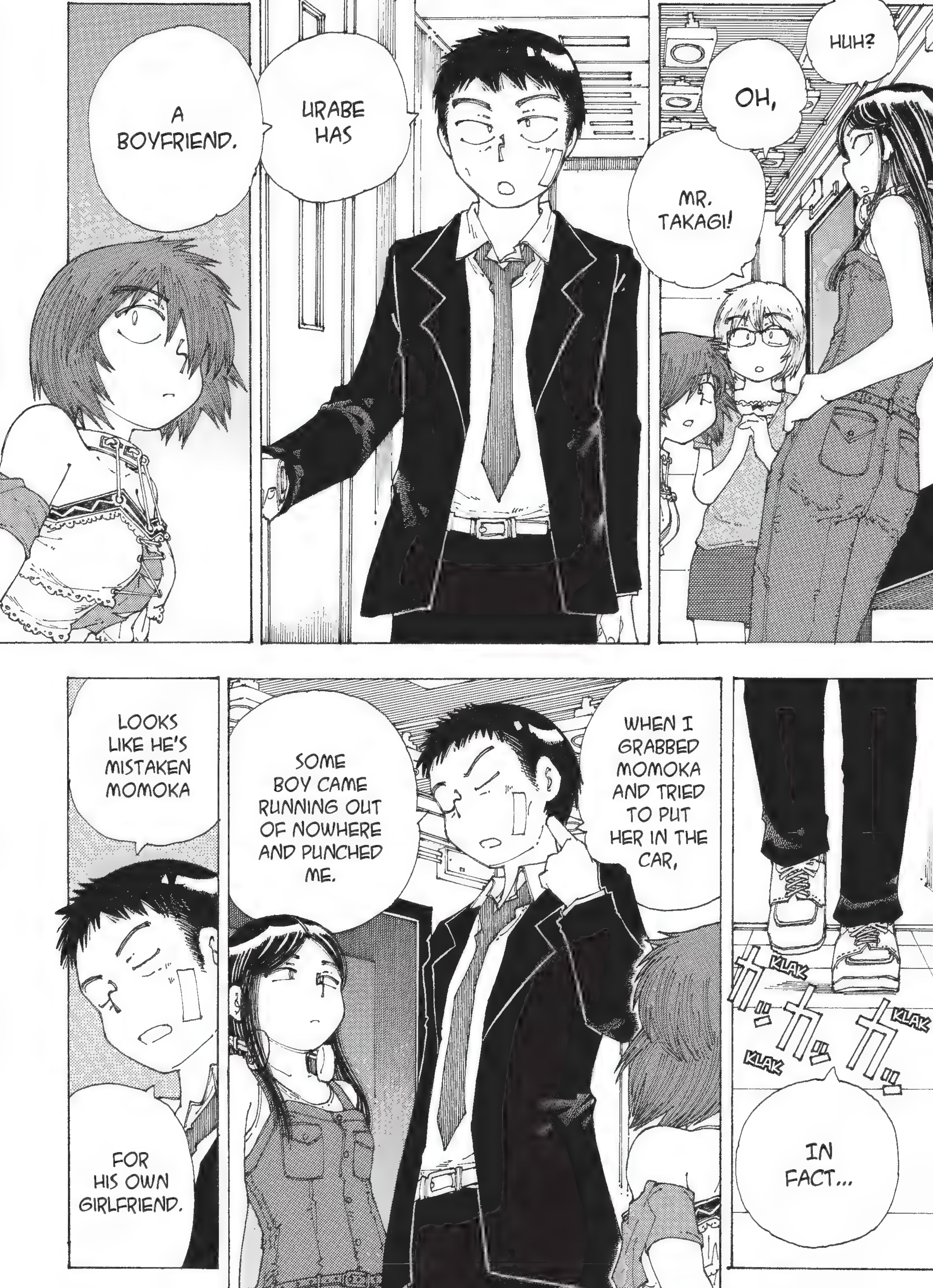
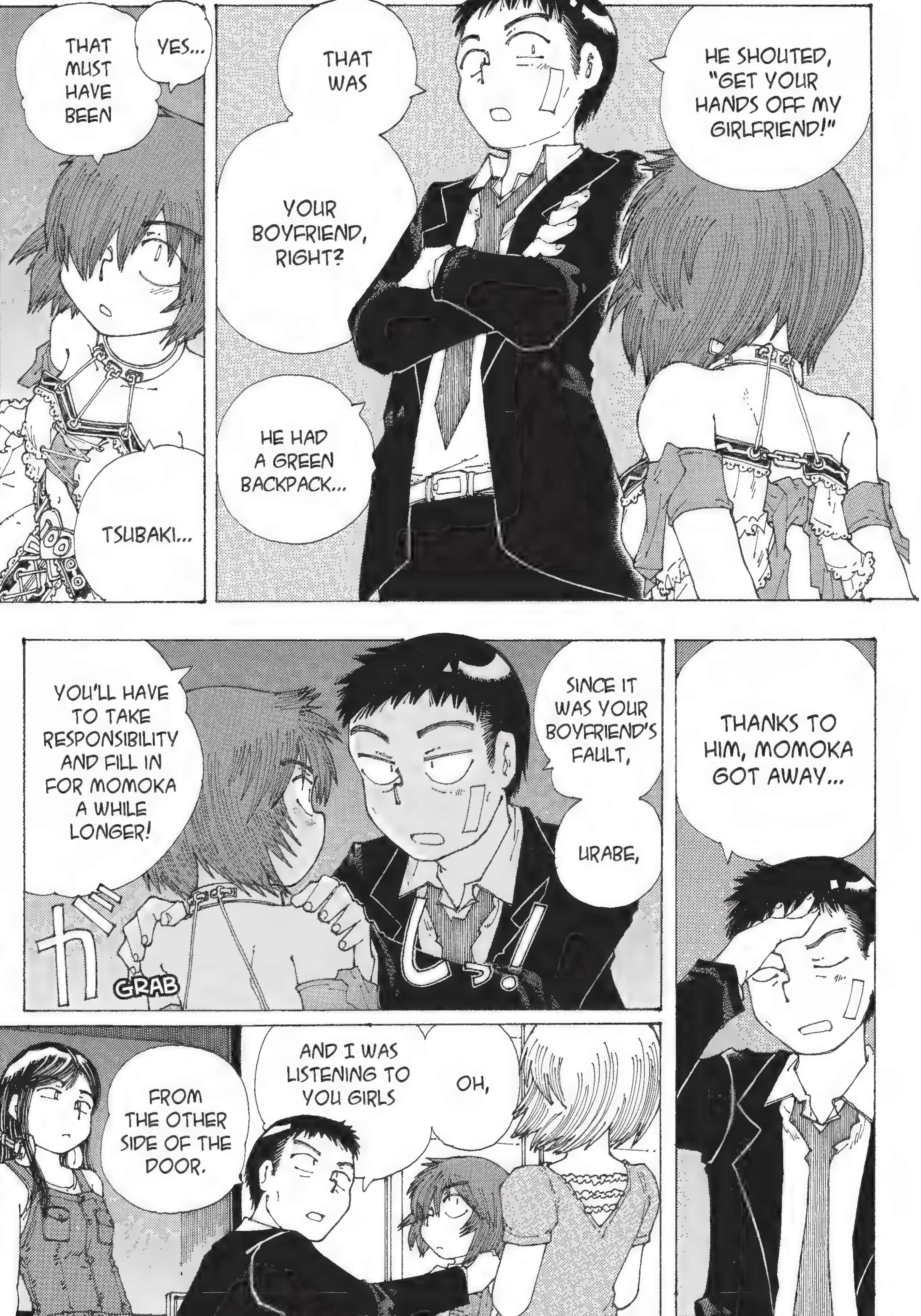

ヒューッ
SWOOOSH
ズガーン
KA
BAAMM
…
SHE KICKED HIM?
YES.


SHE HAD PUT ALL HER STRENGTH INTO IT,
SO HE WAS INJURED,
AND IT TURNED INTO A BIT OF AN ORDEAL...
AND ...
WELL, AFTER A TALK WITH HIS PARENTS,
IT DIDN'T BECOME A BIG SCANDAL,
BUT OUT OF CONCERN FOR HER FUTURE, MR. TAKAGI GAVE HER
HIGH-KICK RESTRAINTS.
RE-STRAINTS ?
YOU KNOW,
THE THING UNDER MOMOKA'S SKIRT...
OH...
MR. TAKAGI TOLD HER TO WEAR THEM SO SHE CAN'T KICK ANYONE AND CAUSE A FUSS AGAIN.
BUT SHE STILL KICKS PEOPLE.
SHE EVEN KICKED ME ONCE.


SHE'S GOTTEN USED TO UNDOING THE SPRING,
SO NOW, IT DOESN'T MAKE MUCH DIFFERENCE
WHETHER SHE WEARS IT OR NOT.
BUT...
WHEN SHE DOES KICK SOMEONE,
SHE HOLDS BACK AT THE LAST SECOND,
MOMOKA IMA
SO HER VICTIM WON'T GET HURT!
THE FACT THAT SHE DIDN'T HOLD BACK AND ACTUALLY HURT THAT BOY
MUST MEAN THAT WHAT HE SAID TO HER
WAS A REAL SHOCK.
THE FACT THAT
HE ONLY SAW HER
NOT AS A NORMAL GIRL,
BUT AS MOMOKA IMAI, THE IDOL...


SO, FROM MOMOKA'S PERSPECTIVE,
SOMEONE WHO LOOKS JUST LIKE HER
BUT LIVES AN UNREMARKABLE LIFE AS A NORMAL GIRL
AND CAN FALL IN LOVE WITH WHOMEVER SHE LIKES...
IS...
MAKES HER VERY ENVIOUS OF YOU.
IS THAT REALLY WHY?
BY THE WAY,
MIKOTO ...
DO YOU
HAVE A
BOYFRIEND RIGHT NOW?
HUH ?!
UH...
WELL ...
SHE DOES.
BAM


HUH?
OH,
MR. TAKAGI!
URABE HAS
A BOYFRIEND.
IN FACT...
カッ KLAK
カッ KLAK
カッ KLAK
WHEN I GRABBED MOMOKA AND TRIED TO PUT HER IN THE CAR,
SOME BOY CAME RUNNING OUT OF NOWHERE AND PUNCHED ME.
LOOKS LIKE HE'S MISTAKEN MOMOKA
FOR HIS OWN GIRLFRIEND.


HE SHOUTED, "GET YOUR HANDS OFF MY GIRLFRIEND!"
THAT WAS
YOUR BOYFRIEND, RIGHT?
HE HAD A GREEN BACKPACK...
YES...
THAT MUST HAVE BEEN
TSUBAKI...
THANKS TO HIM, MOMOKA GOT AWAY...
SINCE IT WAS YOUR BOYFRIEND'S FAULT,
URABE,
YOU'LL HAVE TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY AND FILL IN FOR MOMOKA A WHILE LONGER!
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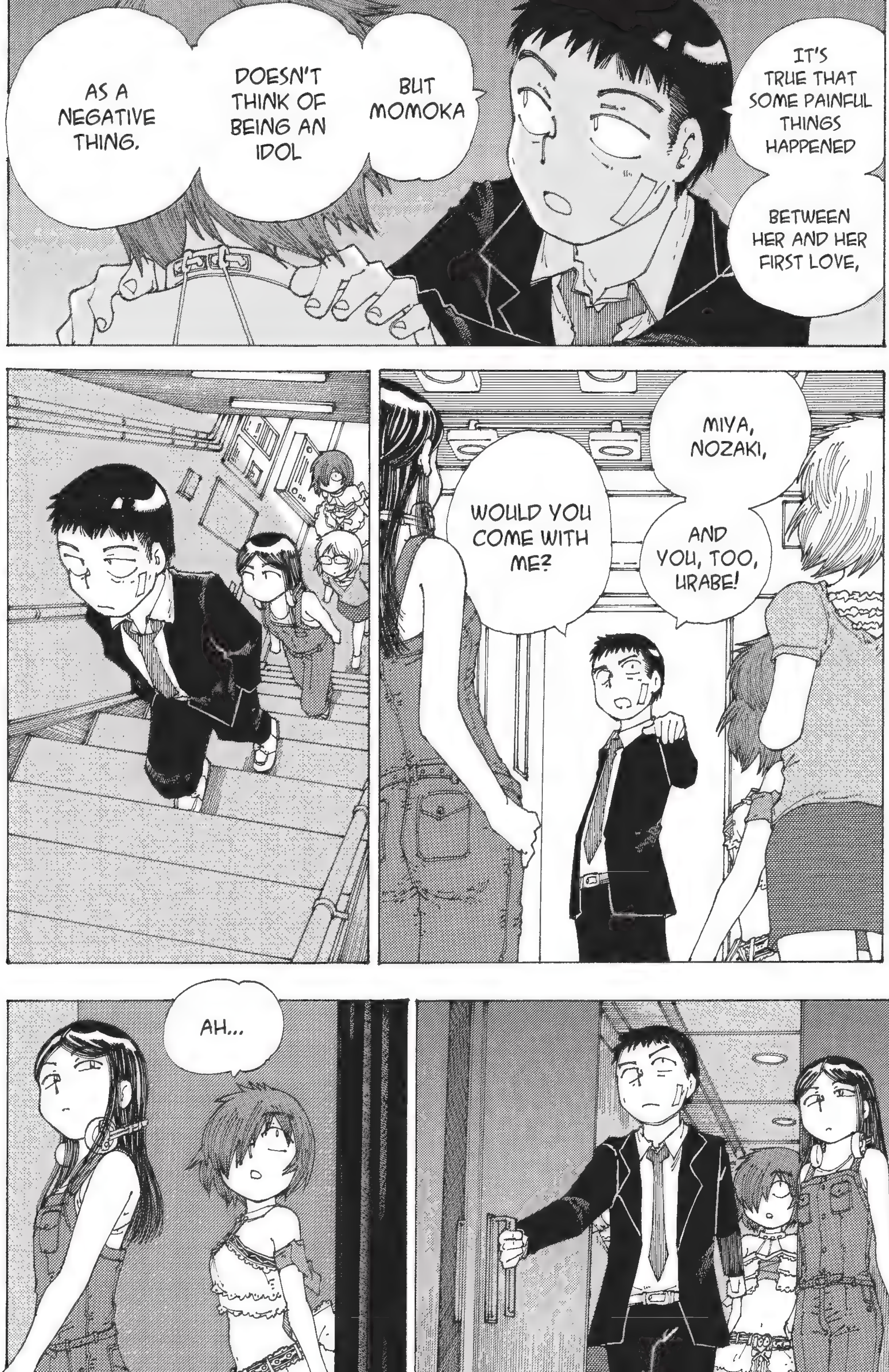
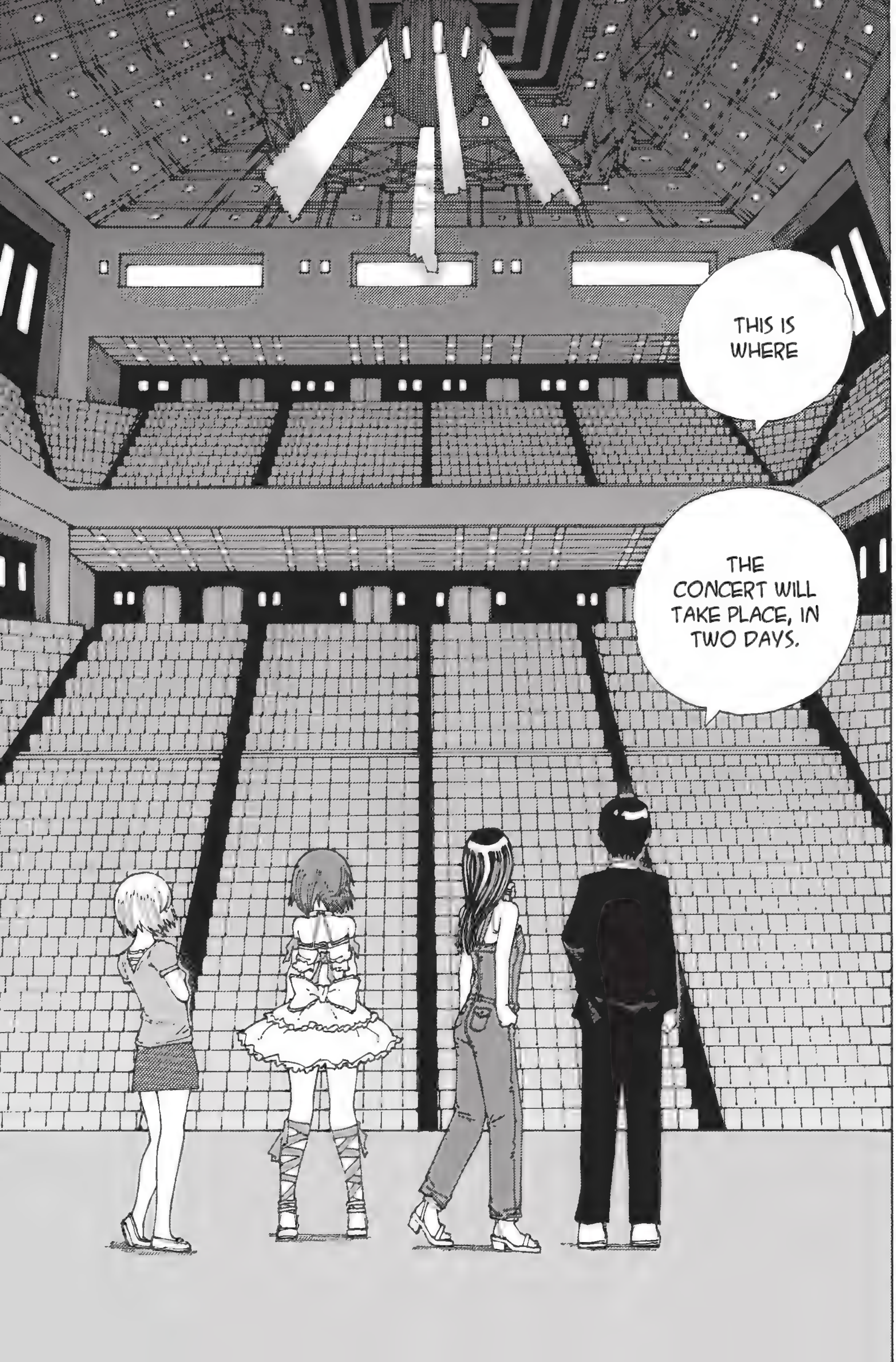
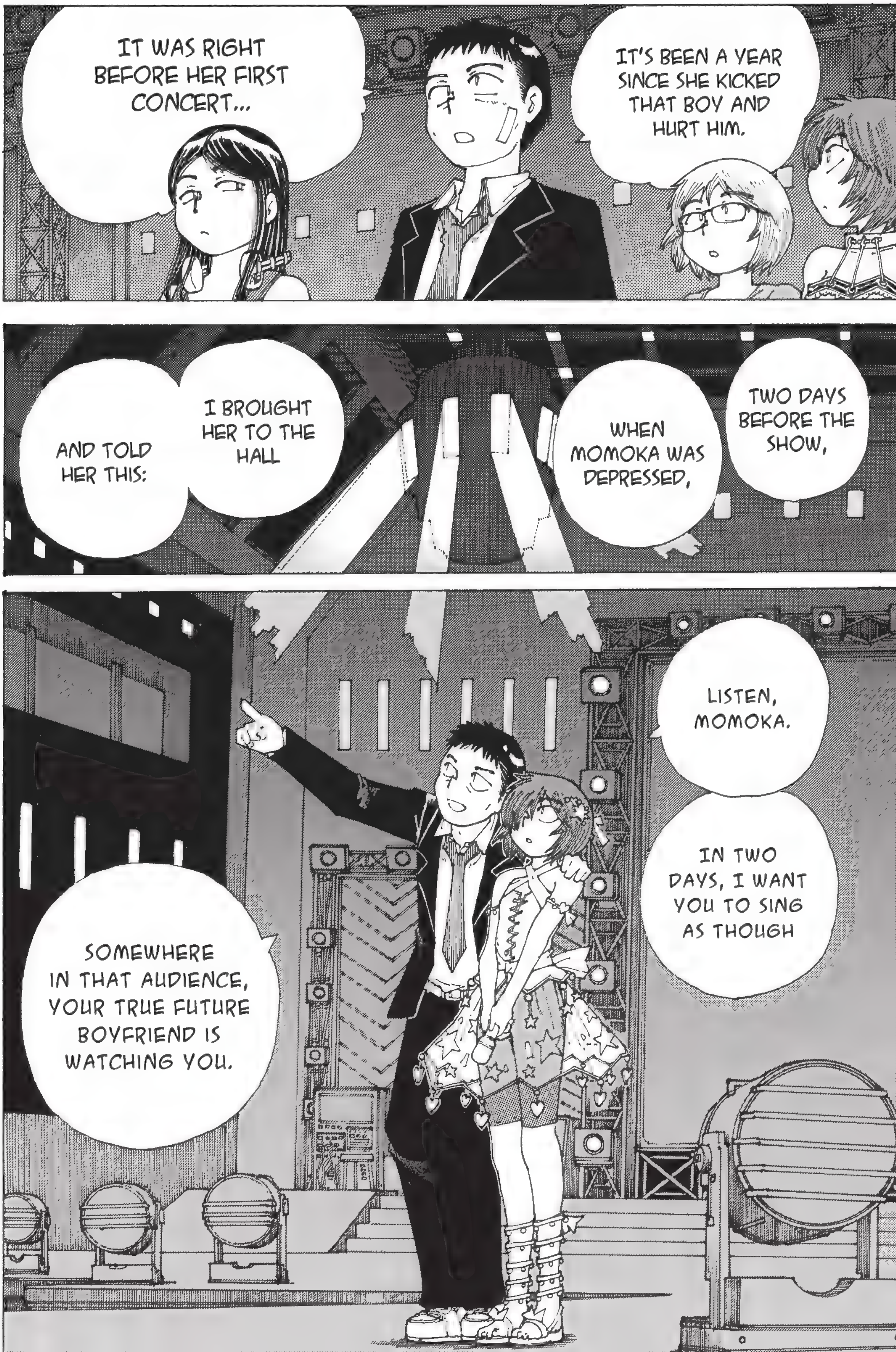
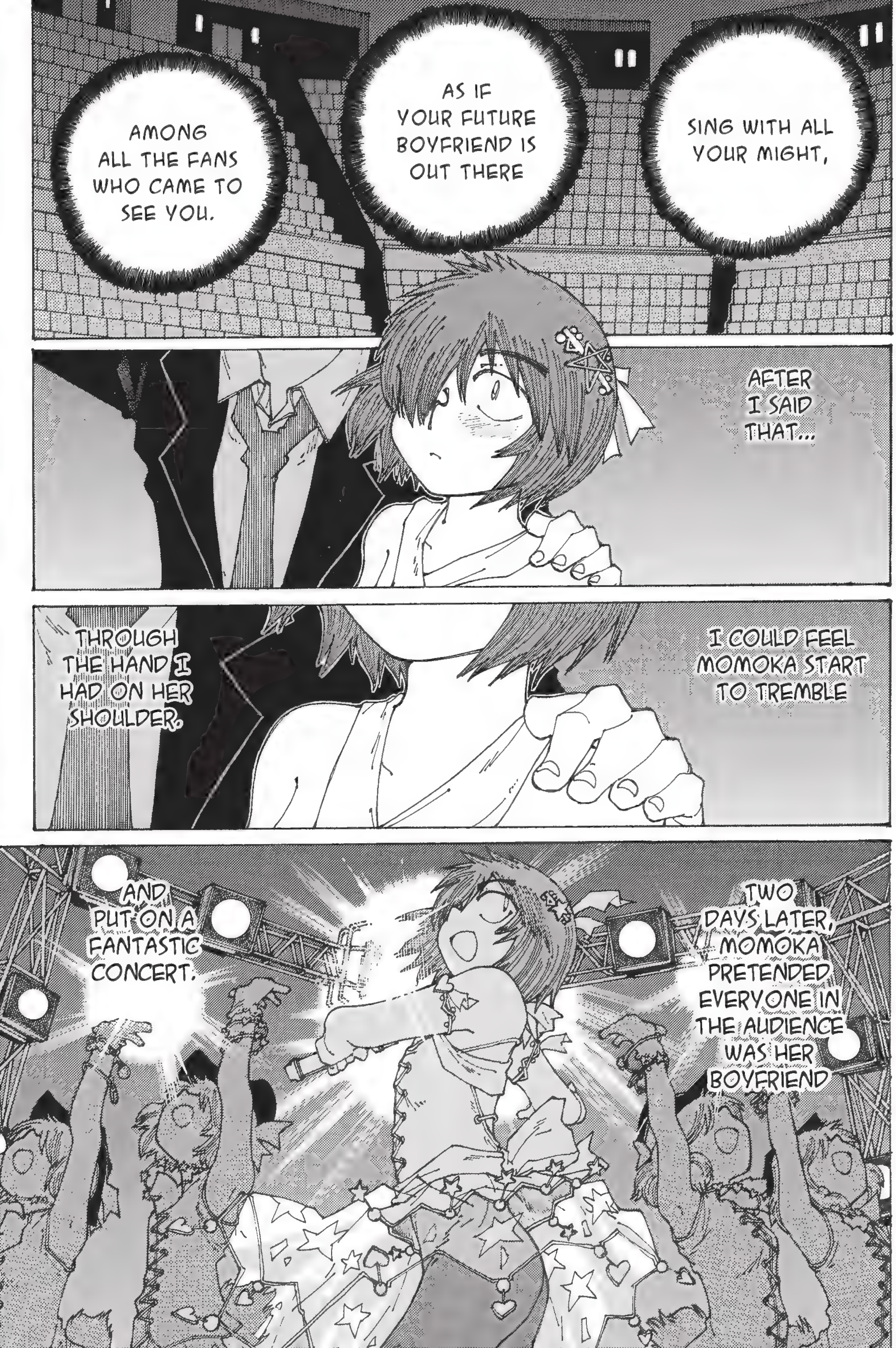
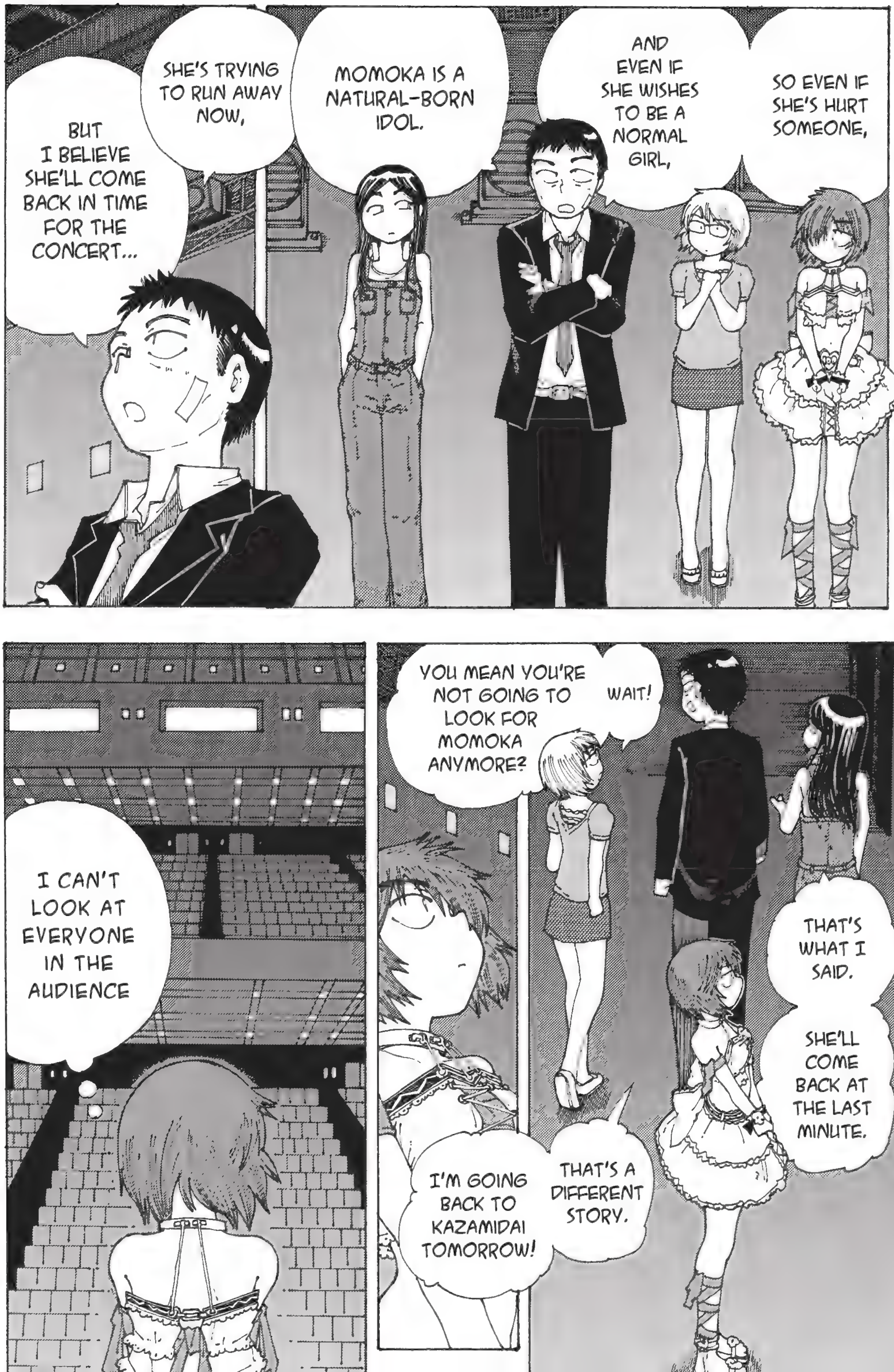
しっ!
GRAB
OH,
AND I WAS LISTENING TO YOU GIRLS
FROM THE OTHER SIDE OF THE DOOR.

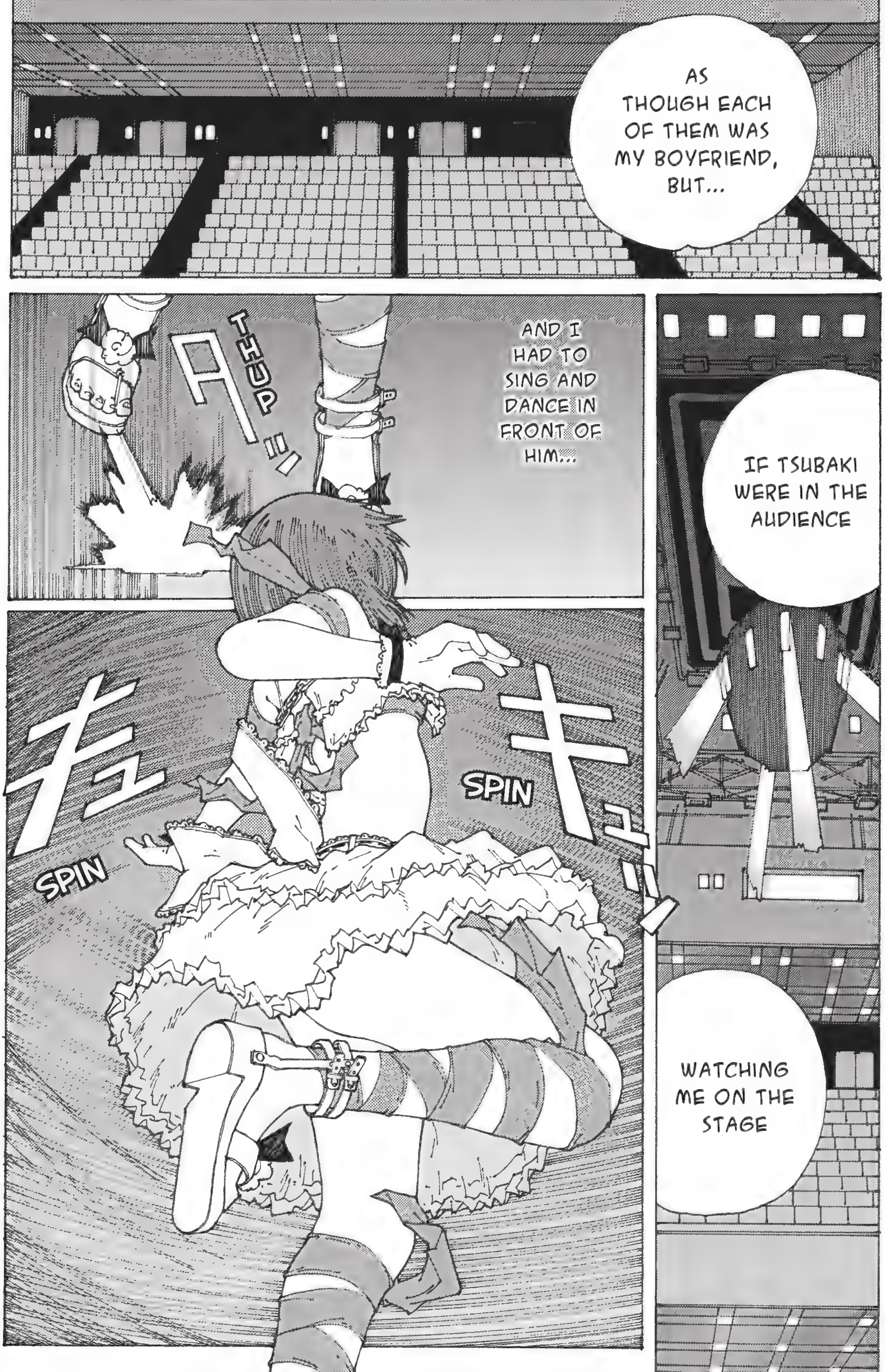

IT'S TRUE THAT SOME PAINFUL THINGS HAPPENED
BETWEEN HER AND HER FIRST LOVE,
BUT MOMOKA
DOESN'T THINK OF BEING AN IDOL
AS A NEGATIVE THING.
MIYA, NOZAKI,
AND YOU, TOO, URABE!
WOULD YOU COME WITH ME?
AH...


THIS IS WHERE
THE CONCERT WILL TAKE PLACE, IN TWO DAYS.


IT'S BEEN A YEAR SINCE SHE KICKED THAT BOY AND HURT HIM.
IT WAS RIGHT BEFORE HER FIRST CONCERT...
TWO DAYS BEFORE THE SHOW,
WHEN MOMOKA WAS DEPRESSED,
I BROUGHT HER TO THE HALL
AND TOLD HER THIS:
LISTEN, MOMOKA.
IN TWO DAYS, I WANT YOU TO SING AS THOUGH
SOMEWHERE IN THAT AUDIENCE, YOUR TRUE FUTURE BOYFRIEND IS WATCHING YOU.

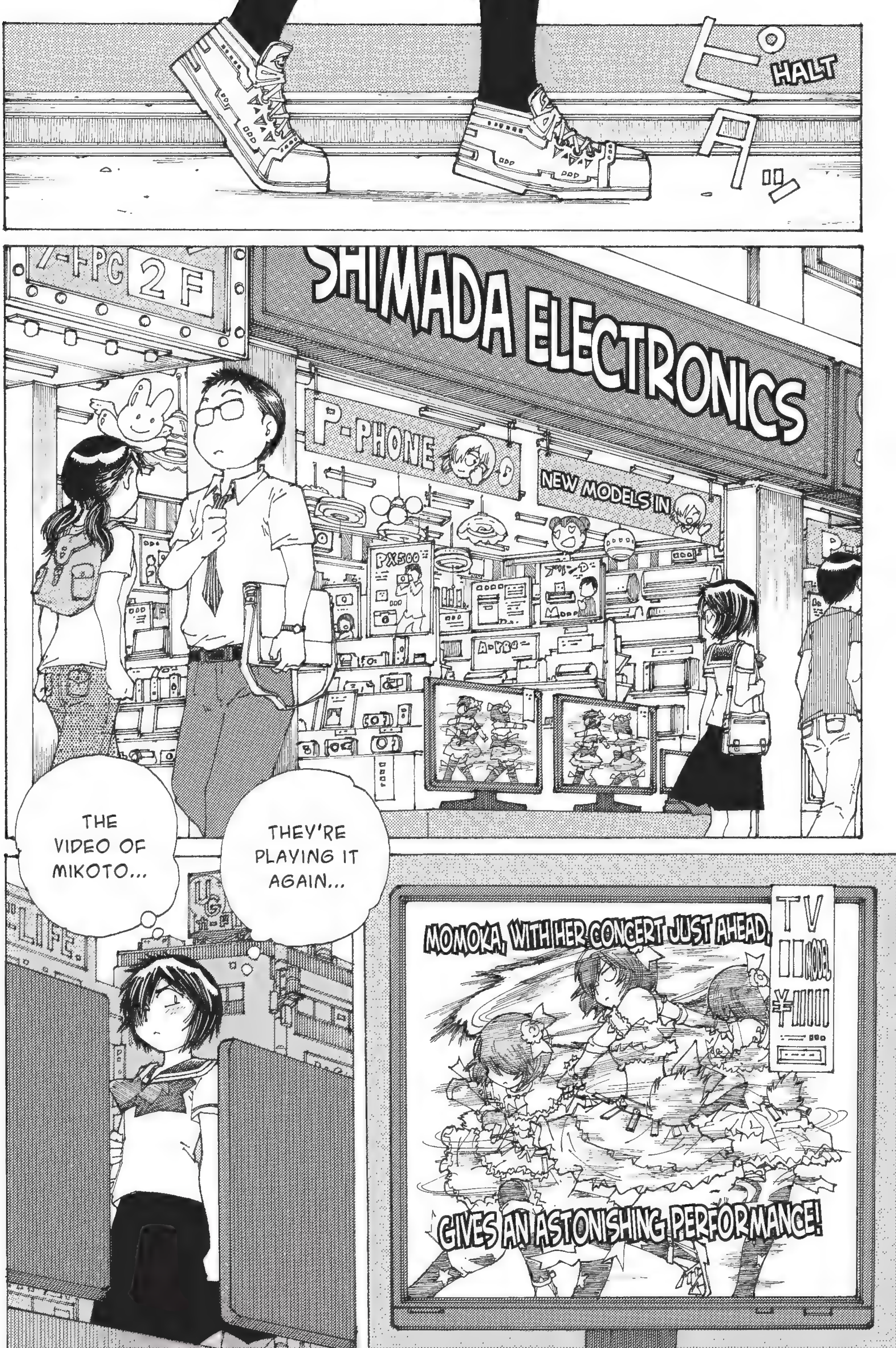

SING WITH ALL YOUR MIGHT,
AS IF YOUR FUTURE BOYFRIEND IS OUT THERE
AMONG ALL THE FANS WHO CAME TO SEE YOU.
AFTER I SAID THAT...
I COULD FEEL MOMOKA START TO TREMBLE
THROUGH THE HAND I HAD ON HER SHOULDER.
TWO DAYS LATER, MOMOKA PRETENDED EVERYONE IN THE AUDIENCE WAS HER BOYFRIEND
AND PUT ON A FANTASTIC CONCERT.


SO EVEN IF SHE'S HURT SOMEONE,
AND EVEN IF SHE WISHES TO BE A NORMAL GIRL,
MOMOKA IS A NATURAL-BORN IDOL.
SHE'S TRYING TO RUN AWAY NOW,
BUT I BELIEVE SHE'LL COME BACK IN TIME FOR THE CONCERT...
WAIT!
YOU MEAN YOU'RE NOT GOING TO LOOK FOR MOMOKA ANYMORE?
THAT'S WHAT I SAID.
SHE'LL COME BACK AT THE LAST MINUTE.
THAT'S A DIFFERENT STORY.
I'M GOING BACK TO KAZAMIDAI TOMORROW!
I CAN'T LOOK AT EVERYONE IN THE AUDIENCE


AS THOUGH EACH OF THEM WAS MY BOYFRIEND, BUT...
IF TSUBAKI WERE IN THE AUDIENCE
WATCHING ME ON THE STAGE
AND I HAD TO SING AND DANCE IN FRONT OF HIM...
THUP
SPIN
SPIN

ジャーン!!
BA
AM
キュルルル
SPIN
SPIN
SPIN

ぎゅーっ
GRIP
IT MAKES ME...
SHIVER A LITTLE...
ZAMIDAI☆SHOPPING
DRUG
TSUY


ピタッ
HALT
ノートPC 2F
SHIMADA ELECTRONICS
P-PHONE
NEW MODELS IN
PX500
THE VIDEO OF MIKOTO...
THEY'RE PLAYING IT AGAIN...
MOMOKA, WITH HER CONCERT JUST AHEAD,
GIVES AN ASTONISHING PERFORMANCE!
TV
MODEL
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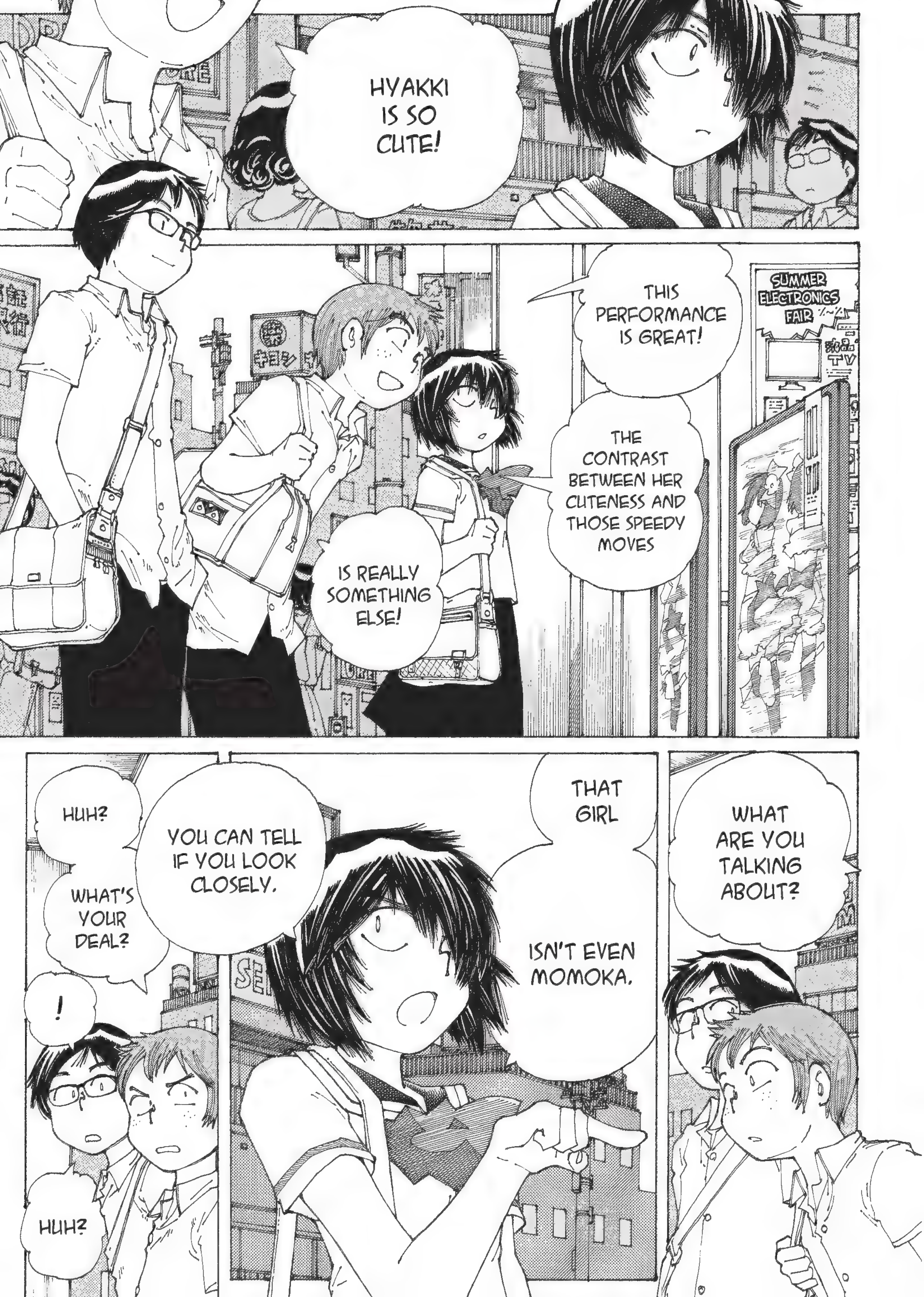
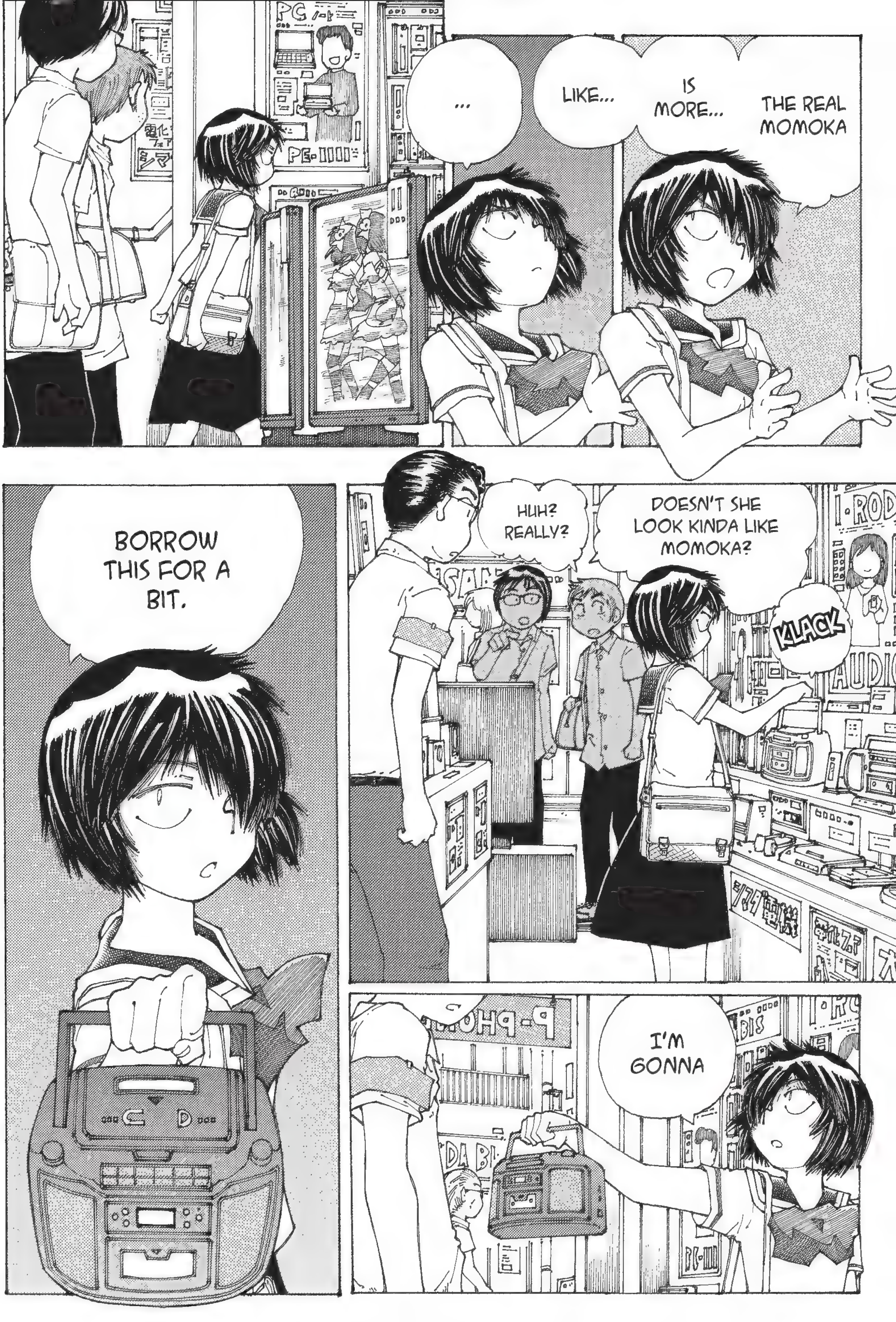
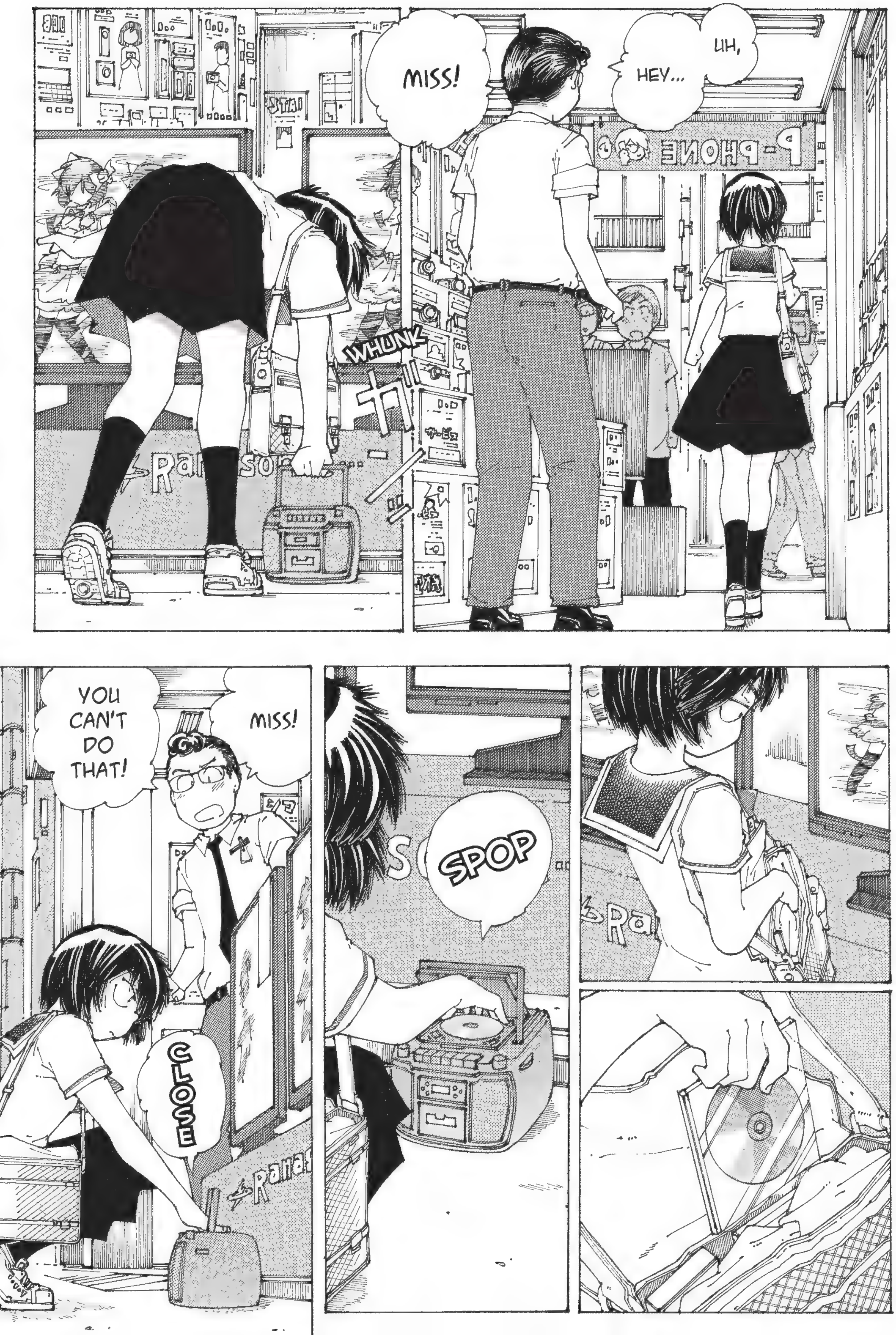

HYAKKI IS SO CUTE!
SUMMER ELECTRONICS FAIR
TV
THIS PERFORMANCE IS GREAT!
THE CONTRAST BETWEEN HER CUTENESS AND THOSE SPEEDY MOVES
IS REALLY SOMETHING ELSE!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
THAT GIRL
ISN'T EVEN MOMOKA.
YOU CAN TELL IF YOU LOOK CLOSELY.
HUH?
WHAT'S YOUR DEAL?
!
HUH?


THE REAL MOMOKA
IS MORE...
LIKE...
...
PC
PE-IIII
DOESN'T SHE LOOK KINDA LIKE MOMOKA?
HUH? REALLY?
KLACK
AUDIO
I'M GONNA
BORROW THIS FOR A BIT.


UH,
HEY...
MISS!
P-PHONE
WHUNK
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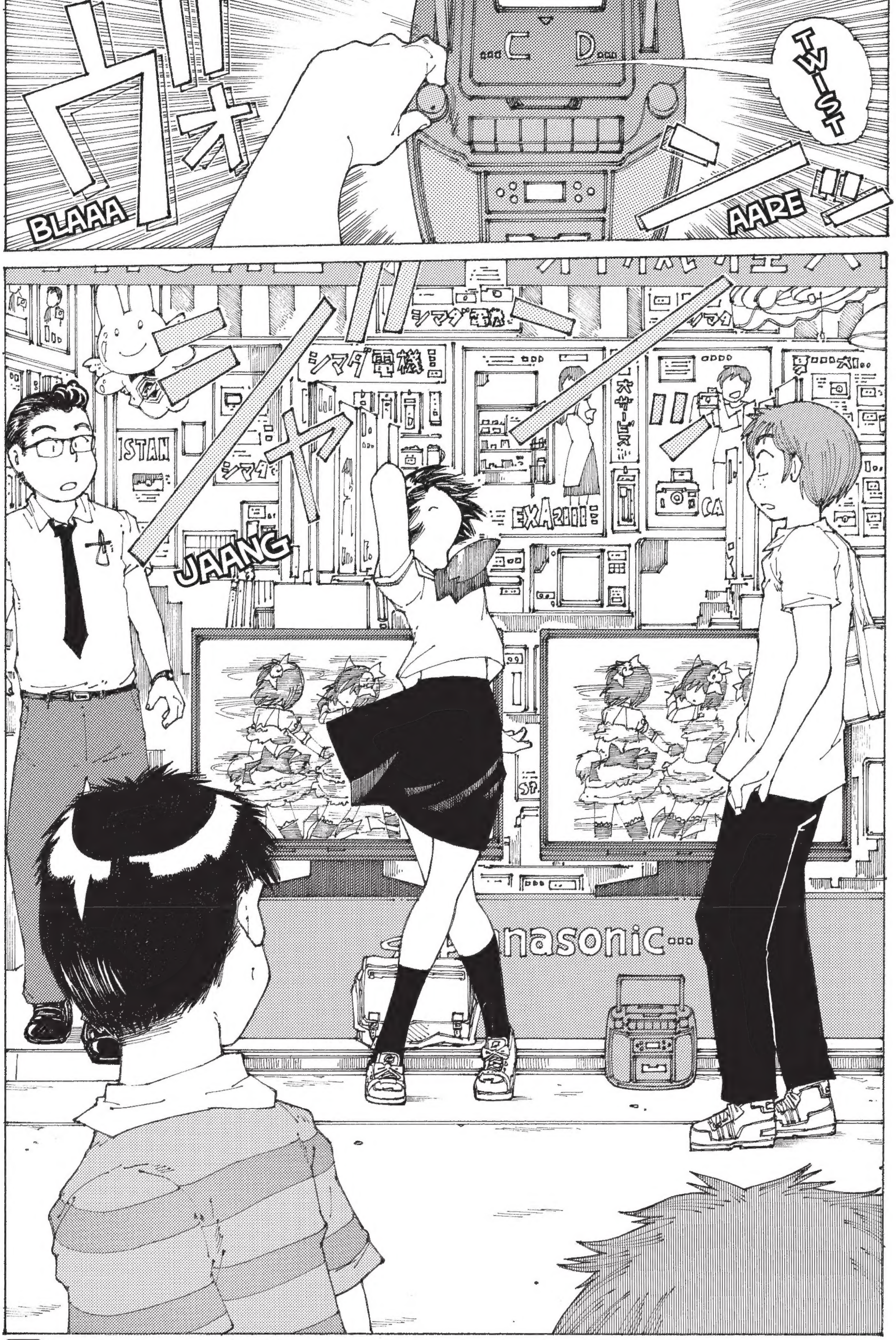
SPOP
MISS!
YOU CAN'T DO THAT!
CLOSE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END OF CHAPTER 44

DON'T YOU THINK A GIRL WHO DROOLS WHEN SHE FALLS ASLEEP IS CUTE?

WELL, THIS IS A COMIC ABOUT THAT SORT OF GIRL.

LOOK FORWARD TO VOLUME 4!!

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